



THE UNIVERSITY of NEW ORLEANS



UNO Department of Planning and Urban Studies

Welcome IDS Majors (Spring)

Have you ever wondered how to change the world around you? If so, elective courses in the Department of Planning and Urban Studies (PLUS) are for you! PLUS is an interdisciplinary department that provides students with a holistic approach to the study of the urban environment. In our courses we examine urban life: how cities and regions work, what drives economic growth, the development of housing and infrastructure, how to create more just and sustainable communities, and more. PLUS would like to introduce you to the following courses that may be of interest to IDS majors. If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Academic Services, David Lambour, at dmlambou@uno.edu.

General Education Requirement

URBN 1000 - Introduction to Cities: This course is an introduction to contemporary cities. It examines the social, technological, political, aesthetic, economic, and environmental forces that shape urban environments. It also discusses how different spatial forms and functions reflect these forces. This course is offered every semester.

Social Science Course for Elective or Plan Inclusion

URBN 2000 - The New Orleans Region: This course introduces the social, cultural, economic and political trends that shape the New Orleans region. This course is generally offered each spring.

Social Science Courses for Plan

URBN 3002 - Introduction to Urban Studies: A multidisciplinary introduction to urban studies which examines classic arguments and recent discourses on the urban processes and urban life. The course examines North American cities through social sciences, environmental studies, architecture and design, public policy and urban planning. This course is offered each fall and spring semester.

URBN 4002 - The Shape of the City: This course focuses on those forces which impact and shape major United States cities. The course draws comparisons between New Orleans and other major cities. This course is generally offered each spring.

URBN 4670 - Grantwriting for Planners: This course will review all aspects of writing grants for public funding through federal, state, and local governments, and for private funding from corporations, foundations, and non-profit organizations. Students will review techniques of grantwriting including grant application preparation, project research, funding authority backgrounds, legal requirements, financial projections, and project management. Specific tools such as letters of intent, RFPs/RFQs, and public bid responses will be covered in this course, along with follow-through aspects of project management, project audits and project scheduling. This course is generally offered each spring.

MURP 4005 - Introduction to Neighborhood Planning: This course introduces students to the underlying processes of neighborhood-based planning and explores the role of neighborhoods in the urban environment. Through class lectures, discussion of assigned readings, and presentations of planning initiatives undertaken in a variety of New Orleans' neighborhoods, students will explore the components of neighborhood development, change, and planning.