



# THE UNIVERSITY of NEW ORLEANS



## UNO Department of Planning and Urban Studies

### Welcome Political Science Majors

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 Political Science majors. If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Academic Services, David Lambour, at [dmlambou@uno.edu](mailto: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 Electives for Political Science Majors:

**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.

**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. Students will examine 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 4150 - Planning for Hazards:** This course examines and analyzes the occurrence, magnitude, and distribution of a broad variety of hazards, and discusses appropriate public policy responses in order to protect public safety and to reduce physical and economic damage. This course is offered in the summer.

**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.

**URBN 4810 - Environmental Justice in Urban Environments:** This course examines the treatment of all groups in the US with respect to benefits and burdens from the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and processes. The course emphasizes the problems of the disproportionate siting of hazardous waste treatment, storage, disposal, and recycling facilities in poor and minority neighborhoods.

**MURP 4200 - American City Planning:** This course deals with the evolution of urban and regional planning in the United States, with particular focus on the last century. The course emphasizes specific issues, programs, projects, and personalities instrumental in shaping the form of the American landscape and cityscape, and in developing urban planning as a profession. This course is offered each fall.