



UNO Department of Planning and Urban Studies

Welcome Philosophy 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 Philosophy 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.

Social Science Electives for Philosophy Majors:

(The following set of courses have routinely been offered online by PLUS)

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

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.

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.

URBN 4003 - The Post-World War II City: This course is a survey of some of the major structural and fiscal changes that impact the post-war American city.

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.

MURP 4010 - Introduction to Historic Preservation: This introduction to historic preservation provides a broad overview of the historical, architectural, political, social, economic, administrative, and legal aspects of historic preservation.