

# USP: URBAN POLICY FOCUS AREA

The Urban Policy focus area is designed to provide students with an understanding of the policy challenges and opportunities that are particular to cities in both the developed and developing world. SIPA focuses on the traditional urban policy fields like city management, urban planning, land use, housing, urban education, transit, as well as the most recent urban policy innovations in environmental sustainability, technological integration, globalization and business development.

More than half of the world's population resides in an urban areas. Cities now have responsibilities in virtually every policy arena including: infrastructure development, safety and security, environmental sustainability, economic development and job creation, education, healthcare, housing, and social welfare. Global urbanization is guaranteed to continue over the course of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and this policy track prepares students to understand how economic, social, political, geo-physical, and technological factors shape cities.

The range of policies that fall under the umbrella category of urban policy is extensive. For this reason, students are encouraged to develop specialized policy knowledge within one of the **Suggested Urban Policy Subfields listed below**. The subfield categories are to be used as a guide to help students structure their elective coursework around a particular policy field. Although it is encouraged, students are not required to choose one subfield and have the flexibility to take courses in several subfields based on their interests.

- Urban Politics and Governance
- Management in Urban Public Sector or Not For Profits
- Urban Social Policy (includes: Family, Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Immigration & Poverty)
- Economic Development Policy, Urban Planning and Land Use
- Sustainability and Environmental Policy
- Housing Policy
- Education Policy
- Health Policy
- Crime, Safety and Security Policy
- Employment and Labor Policy

Students must complete a total of 15 points, with at least 3 points from the menu of core courses. Students must then complete 12 points from the subfields listed below, regardless of their category. The purpose of the urban policy subfields is to encourage students to develop specialized policy knowledge, but it is only a guide. Students have the flexibility to take courses in one or several of the subfields:

## Please note:

- USP short courses (1.5 points) can count towards your elective requirement.
- A second core course can count towards your elective requirement.
- Two specialization courses can be double counted for elective requirement

## Required Courses

Select one or more of the following:

		Points
PUAF U8232	Urban Politics and Policy	3
PUAF U6239	Comparative Urban Policy: Global Developing Cities	3
PUAF U6325	Critical Issues in Urban Public Policy	3
PUAF U8250	Governing the 21st Century City	3.00

## Urban Politics and Governance Subfield

		Points
EMPA U6650	Cities in a Globalizing World	3
INAF U6209	Tech # Tactics for Innovative Policymaking	3
PUAF U6239	Comparative Urban Policy: Global Developing Cities	3
PUAF U6251	Urban Economics	3
PUAF U6275	Dynamics of New York Public Policy	1.5
PUAF U6312	Campaign Management	3
PUAF U6325	Critical Issues in Urban Public Policy	3
PUAF U8232	Urban Politics and Policy	3
PUAF U8248	Leadership # Urban Transformation	3
PUAF U8250	Governing the 21st Century City	3
SIPA U6003	Analysis of Public Sector Organizations	3

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		Points
ARCH A4688	Public Space & Recombinant Urbanism	3
LAW L6474	Law & The Political Process	3

## Management in Urban Public Sector or Not-For-Profits Subfield

		Points
EMPA U6015	Public Finance	3
EMPA U6605	Urban Policy by Design	3
EMPA U9225	Public Management Innovation	3
INAF U6004	Application Development for Social Impact	1.5
INAF U6006	Computing in Context	3
INAF U6009	Artificial Intelligence in Public Policy	1.5
INAF U6013	Cost-Benefit Analysis	3
INAF U6016	Cost-Benefit Analysis	3
INAF U6209	Tech # Tactics for Innovative Policymaking	3
INAF U6272	Introduction to Data Analytics for Public Policy, Administration, and Management	1.5
INAF U6274	Introduction to Database Design, Management, and Security	1.5
INAF U6504	Python for Public Policy	1.5
INAF U6508	Using Big Data to Develop Public Policy	3
INAF U6512	Data Driven Approaches for Campaigns and Advocacy	3
INAF U6545	AI: A Survey for Policymakers	3.00
INAF U6614	Data Analysis for Policy Research Using R	3

INAF U6137	Social Value Investing: a Framework for Cross Sector Partnerships	3
INAF U6898	Program Evaluation and Design	3
PUAF U6028	Public-Private Partnerships To Foster Effective, Sustainable # Scalable Nonprofits	1.5
PUAF U6135	Civic Innovation # Designing for People	1.5
PUAF U6249	Digital Innovation for Urban Governance	3
PUAF U6251	Urban Economics	3
PUAF U6312	Campaign Management	3
PUAF U8203	Project Management	3
PUAF U8410	The Use of Science-based Evidence in Decision and Policymaking	3.00
SIPA U6003	Analysis of Public Sector Organizations	3
SIPA U6005	Effective Management in the Public Service	3
SIPA U6310	Nonprofit Financial Management	3
SIPA U6320	Budgeting # Financial Management for Government	3
SIPA U8500	Quantitative Methods in Program Evaluation and Policy Research	3

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HPMN P6530	Issues and Approaches in Health Policy and Management	3
HPMN P8514	Governance, Law & Ethics	1.5
SOCW T6416	Program Evaluation in Social Services	3
SUMA PS4100	Sustainability Management	3
ORLA 4876 (TC)	School Finance: Resource Allocation for Non-profit Organizations	3

## Urban Social Policy Subfield

PUAF U6244	Urban Social Policy	3
INAF U6053	Creating a Social Enterprise	3
INAF U8161	Economics, Law, # Public Policy	3
INAF U6187	Harlem Community Engagement Practicum	1
PUAF U6275	Dynamics of New York Public Policy	1.50
PUAF U8351	Race, Gender and Political Change	1.5
PUAF U8353	Race Policy # American Politics	3
PUAF U8357	Securing Full Economic and Political Citizenship for All Americans	1
PUAF U8362	Democracy, Movements # Public Policy in the United States	1.5
PUAF U8359	Debate over US Racial Reparations	3.00

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ECON GU4438	ECONOMICS OF RACE IN THE U.S.	3
LAW L6250	Immigration Law	3

LAW L6252	Family Law	3
LAW L9410	Law and Policy of Homelessness	2
SOCW T6416	Program Evaluation - Social Service	3

## Economic Development Policy, Urban Planning, and Land Use Subfield

EMPA U6605	Urban Policy by Design	3
EMPA U6610	Transforming the Urban Economy	3
EMPA U6650	Cities in a Globalizing World	3
INAF U6016	Cost-Benefit Analysis	3
INAF U6051	Infrastructure Investment and Development	1.5
INAF U6186	Community Economic Development	3
INAF U6602	Economic Development for International Affairs	3
INAF U8145	Advanced Economic Development for International Affairs	3
PUAF U6190	Investing in the Energy Transition: exploring policy dilemmas, complexities and trade-offs	3
PUAF U6249	Digital Innovation for Urban Governance	3
PUAF U8203	Project Management	3

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ARCH GU4300	The Just City: Global Debates in Urban Planning and Policy	4.00
ARCH A4688	Public Space/Recombinant Urbanism	3
ARCH A6769	Histories of American Cities	3
ECON GU4230	ECONOMICS OF NEW YORK CITY	3
LAW L6272	Land Use	3
LAW L8454	Extractive Industry and Sustainable Development	2
PLAN A6108	Land Use Planning	3
PLAN A6434	Intro. To Transportation Planning	3
SUMA PS4235	The Science of Urban Ecology	3

## Urban Sustainability and Environmental Policy Subfield

ENVP U6239	Politics # Policy of Urban Sustainability	3
INAF U6006	Computing in Context	3
INAF U6076	Energy Management for Public # Private Sector	3
INAF U6264	Meeting the Climate Challenge at all Levels of Government	3
PUAF U6190	Investing in the Energy Transition: exploring policy dilemmas, complexities and trade-offs	3
PUAF U6249	Digital Innovation for Urban Governance	3

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		Points
LAW L6242	Environmental Law	3
LAW L8454	Extractive Industry and Sustainable Development	2
PLAN A6065	Environmental Impact Assessment	3
SUMA K4030	Hungry City Workshop	3
SUMA PS4100	Sustainability Management	3
SUMA PS4190	ECONOMICS OF SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT	3
SUMA PS4235	The Science of Urban Ecology	3

## Housing Policy Subfield

		Points
PUAF U6245	Housing Policy and the City	3
EMPA U6275	Affordable Housing Finance: Policy and Applications	3.00

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		Points
LAW L9410	Law and Policy of Homelessness	2
PLAN A6212	Affordable Housing, Development and Policy	1.5
PLAN A6568	Public-Private Partnerships in Real Estate Development	3

## Education Policy Subfield

		Points
INAF U8201	Public Education: New Strategies for a New Era	1.5

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		Points
A&HH 4060 (TC)	History of Education in NYC	3
EDPA 4013 (TC)	Education Policy and the Management of Instruction	3
EDPA 4048 (TC)	Education Policy Analysis/Implementation	3
EDPP 5042 (TC)	Urban Politics and Education	3
EDPS 4000 (TC)	Education and Public Policy	3
EDPS 4022 (TC)	Sociology of Urban Education	3
ITSF 4060 (TC)	Latinx in Urban Schools	3
MGMT B8558	Education Leadership	3
SOCW T6960	School-Based Services	3

## Health Policy Subfield

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		Points
SUMA K4030	Hungry City Workshop	3
EHSC P8371	Public Health GIS	3
HBSS 4162 (TC)	Health Services Administration	3
HBSS 4114 (TC)	Competence with Multicultural Populations	3
HPMN P6503	Introduction to Health Economics	3
HPMN P6508	Health Policy and the Political System	3
HPMN P8517	Management Challenges in Health Care & Insurance Systems	3
HPMN P8549	Interest Group Politics and Health Policy	1.5
HPMN P8561	Managing Public Health Non-Profits	1.5
HPMN P8575	Cross-National Health Policy	1.5
HPMN P8584	Transforming the Delivery of Healthcare Systems	1.5
HPMN P8580	Global Health Governance	1.5
LAW L6357	Public Health Law	3
POPF P8648	Food and Nutrition in Complex Emergencies	1.5
POPF P8651	Water and Sanitation in Complex Emergencies	1.5
SOCW T6910	The Health Care System	3
SOSC P8705	Evaluation of Health Programs	3
SOSC P8717	Urban Space & Health	3
SOSC P8737	Emerging Topic - Urban/Community Health	1.5
SOSC P8745	Social and Economic Determinants of Health	3
SOSC P8750	Race and Health	3
SOSC P8762	Chronic Disease, Urban and Community Health	3
SOSC P8773	Social History of American Public Health	3

## Crime, Safety and Security Subfield

		Points
INAF U6388	Modern Urban Terrorism	3

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## Employment and Labor Policy Subfield

		Points
PUAF U6301	Labor in America: Power, Politics, and Policy in the Workplace	3

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		Points
LAW L6473	Labor Law	3