



What can I do with a major in... URBAN STUDIES

By 2025, 75 percent of the world's population will live in cities. The Urban Studies major prepares students to establish, develop, and carry out ministry or other work in an increasingly urban world, both in the local church and through parachurch ministries, local government and secular non-profits, as well as to lay a foundation for graduate study. Includes one year of course work and internship while living in Minneapolis' inner city.

What types of work are related to this degree?

- Inner-city missions
- Refugee resettlement
- Church staff member
- Community organization director (cross cultural)
- Evangelism and church planting
- Government work
- Hospitality ministries
- Refugee resettlement
- Program development
- Job development
- Life skills coaching
- Residential counselor
- Human services worker or case manager
- Advocacy (legal or adoption)

Who employs people with this degree?

- Cross cultural ministries, domestic or foreign
- Federal, state and local governments
- AmeriCorps programs
- Social and human services organizations
- Para church organizations
- Community development organizations
- Educational programs (non-licensure)
- Parks and recreation programs
- Family services agencies/programs (financial, family planning, health and wellness, marriage, vocational, food/housing assistance, military family support)
- National and international humanitarian aid organizations

More information online at ONETonline.org

General Strategies for Success:

- An understanding of economics, sociology, anthropology and political science/public policy can enhance your employability and effectiveness.
- Urban studies majors have an understanding of issues facing society in urban areas. This understanding of other cultures and trends is valued by employers in many industries including education, government, and business.
- Learn at least one additional language and learn about ESL teaching strategies.
- Keep informed of contemporary cultural trends.
- Live where you want to minister. Know the people and culture.
- Early in your career you may need to supplement ministry income with other work.

Select Professional Associations:

Urban College Cross Cultural Consortium

Reconciliation Ministries Network

John M. Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation and Development

Christian Community Development Association

Tech Mission

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with Career Development or check out our online resources on our website or on theROCK, Career Development tab.