Urban Studies Major

Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2025-2026

Total Semester Hours: 36
Hours Per Semester: 14-16

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

Fall Semester 1	Spring Semester 1	Summer 1

URBN 114 Social Life of Cities[1]
 	
BITH 211/ARCH 211 Old Testament[2] or BITH 213/ARCH 213 New Testament[2]
 	
CORE 101 First Year Seminar
CORE 131 Holistic Human Flourishing (1)
First Year CATC Options
  ▪ *COMM 101 Oral Comm (2)*
  ▪ *ENGW 103First-Year Writing*
  ▪ *Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Course*
	URBN 114 Social Life of Cities[1] or SOC 364 Urban Sociology
	
	BITH 211/ARCH 211 Old Testament[2] or BITH 213/ARCH 213 New Testament[2]
	
	First Year CATC Options
	Language Core Competency
		URBN 399 Pre-Field Preparation (0)[6]
		
		Consider study, internship, or research options: Wheaton-In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research

Fall Semester 2	Spring Semester 2	Summer 2
URBN Major Electives[4] or Wheaton in Chicago semester[5] BITH 211/ARCH 211 Old Testament[2] or BITH 213/ARCH 213 New Testament[2], if not complete *CATC Coursework*	SOC 364 Urban Sociology ANTH 482[3,S] or SOC 482 Research Method[3,S] or Wheaton in Chicago semester[5] BITH 211/ARCH 211 Old Testament[2] or BITH 213/ARCH 213 New Testament[2], if not complete *CATC Coursework*	URBN 399 Pre-Field Preparation (0)[6] *Consider study, internship, or research options.*
Fall Semester 3	Spring Semester 3	Summer 3
URBN Major Electives[4] or Wheaton in Chicago semester[5] *CATC Coursework*	SOC 364 Urban Sociology ANTH 482[3,S] or SOC 482 Research Method[3,S] URBN Major Electives[4] or Wheaton in Chicago semester[5] *CATC Coursework*	URBN 399 Pre-Field Preparation (0)[6] *Consider study, internship, or research options.*
Fall Semester 4	Spring Semester 4	Summer 4
URBN Major Electives[4] or Wheaton in Chicago semester[5] *CATC Coursework*	SOC 364 Urban Sociology URBN Major Electives[4] ANTH or SOC 494 Capstone[7] *Complete CATC Coursework*	

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Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

*Course has prerequisite
[F] Fall only course
[S] Spring only course
[#] Offered every other year

[1] Courses that meet CATC Thematic Core tags: URBN 114 (GP, SI), URBN 233 (DUS, SI), ENGW 233 (LE), PSCI 324 (DUS, PI), BITH 339 (PI), all of which are offered during the Wheaton in Chicago semester (see footnote 5), *except* URBN 114.

[2] If you plan to participate in WIC your second year, you must take either the OT or NT prerequisite during your first year in order to take BITH 376 Theologies of Transformation during your WIC semester.

[3] Research and Design course can be met with either ANTH 482[S] or SOC 482[S]. Can be taken during year 2 or year 3, but it is best to take in year 2, preferably prior to the WIC semester. Generally, SOC 482 and ANTH 482 are Spring courses. NOTE: Students should anticipate taking the senior Capstone in the discipline in which they took methods. (e.g., SOC 482 students should take SOC 494).

[4] URBN majors are required to take 8 elective credits. These courses will bring the total number of major hours to 36. See the college catalog for the full list of courses that are URBN major electives.

[5] Wheaton in Chicago (WIC) program may be taken in almost any fall or spring semester. The usual sequence suggests that students take URBN 114 and either the OT or NT prerequisite for BITH 376 prior to WIC. URBN 399 (0 credits) is always taken the semester prior to WIC (see footnote 6). Students can also participate in more than one Wheaton in Chicago semester, if interested, and should discuss the possibility with program staff for further details.

Additional URBN courses available during WIC are listed by semester below. Major courses BITH 376 (which is in place of BITH 315 in the CATC Shared Core) and URBN 233 are ONLY available during WIC. All internships/practicum may be taken for URBN major credit, and they may be taken for completion of internship credits in another academic department as well (see the other academic department for additional internship requirements). Please note, the course offerings are flexible and this is a guide, not a guarantee of course offerings for WIC.

Wheaton in Chicago Courses Offered Every Semester
URBN 233 Chicago (CATC: SI and DUS tags), 4 credits
BITH 376 Theologies of Transformation: Public & Political Theologies in Urban Context (CATC: Christian Thought), 4 credits
CORE 308 Engaging Arts in the City (CATC: Advanced Integrative Seminar [AIS] + all Visual and Performing Arts [VPA] tags), 4 credits
URBN/XXX* 496 Internship, 4-8 credits

*Students may register for internship credit with Urban Studies or any department at Wheaton College.

Wheaton in Chicago Rotating Courses
URBN/B EC 381 Community Economic Development and Enterprise (CATC: SI tag) , 4 credits (offered Fall 2025 and 2027)
ENGW 233 Writing Chicago (CATC: LE tag) [S#], 4 credits (offered Spring 2026 and 2028)
BITH 339 Religion in the Public Square (CATC: PI tag) [F#], 4 credits (offered Fall 2027 and 2029)
PSCI 324 Black Political Thought (CATC: PI and DUS tags)[S#], 4 credits (offered Spring 2025, 2027 and

2029)

[6] URBN 399 must be taken the semester prior to the Wheaton in Chicago term. For student participating in WIC in the Fall, it is a Summer course. For students participating in WIC in the Spring it is a B Quad Fall course.

[7] URBN majors must take the capstone course for either Anthropology (ANTH 494) or Sociology (SOC 494). The choice of capstone course depends on which Research and Methods course you take (ANTH or SOC 482).

-The URBN major is a flexible program of study. We encourage students to move courses around to meet their liberal arts goals. Advisors in the URBN program welcome students who are exploring majors.