Tulane University

SUSTAINABLE URBANISM MINOR

Overview

The Minor in Sustainable Urbanism provides students with a strong foundation in the principles and practices essential to creating sustainable, resilient, and equitable urban environments. This program introduces students to the core concepts of urbanism and sustainability, encouraging them to critically examine the built environment and its impact on urban communities and ecological systems. With an emphasis on both academic study and hands-on learning, the minor equips students with analytical and design tools to address urgent urban challenges—such as affordable housing, resource management, and environmental resilience—and prepares them to advocate for cities that are sustainable, inclusive, and responsive to diverse populations. Through exploring strategies aligned with global goals like the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, students gain the skills to propose urban solutions that promote social equity, environmental stewardship, and quality of life across communities.

Requirements

Course ID	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
SURB 2710	Introduction to Sustainable Urbanism	3
SURB 2720	Issues for the 21st Century City	3
SURB 2311	Introduction to Graphics and Mapping	3
SURB 4110	Global Urbanism: Theory & Practice	3
SRED 4505	Climate Change & the Built Environment	3
Electives (2)		**6**
Total Credit Hours		**21**

In addition to the core courses, students are required to choose and complete two electives from the following list of School of Architecture and Built Environment courses:

Course ID	Title	Credits
Electives		
ARCH 3731	Urban Geography and New Orleans as a Case Study	4
ARCH 4225	Engaged Urban Design	3
PRES 2100	Intro to Historic Preservation	3
SISE 2021	Design Thinking for Social Impact	3
SISE 3310	Facilitating Social Justice	3
SRED 2010	Introduction to Real Estate	3
SRED 2050	Design & Real Estate	4
SRED 4515	Sustainable Urban Development	3
SURB 3011	Introduction to Urban Design/Lab	4

Field of Study: SURB

Contact

For more information, contact the School of Architecture and Built Environment (https://architecture.tulane.edu/).