

URBAN STUDIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

From Study to Skills

The Urban Studies & Community Development program will teach students how cities and communities function, grow, and prosper or decline. The curriculum is policy-focused and interdisciplinary. It integrates theory, evaluation, planning, and program implementation. Students will analyze contemporary problems of urban society and urban policy issues such as housing, sustainability, and environmental justice.

Rutgers-Camden is an excellent place to begin to study cities since Camden has transformed from farmland to an industrial center to a struggling city with social, economic, political, and racial problems. Majors are encouraged to explore community-building in Camden and explore fieldwork and internship opportunities in order to apply their knowledge and acquire skills. Career paths can be found in business, government, education, law, and non-profits. Continued study at the graduate level is also an option.

Related Fields: Business Administration, City & Regional Planning, Education, Law, Public Administration, Public Affairs and Policy, Social Work

Skills and Abilities

Research Skills- Students will analyze components of complex problems, manage projects and programs, design programs, understand research planning, read graphs and maps, analyze policy, and develop critical thinking, creative thinking, and management of people, processes, and projects.

Communication Skills- Students will learn interpersonal and presentation skills, to facilitate group dialogue, and to present ideas and information clearly through oral or written assignments.

Internships

In the past, Urban Studies/Community Development majors have interned with the following employers:

5th Legislative District
Battleship NJ Museum & Memorial
Boys & Girls Club of Camden County
Camden City School District
Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Center for Family Services
City of Philadelphia Office of City Council
Cooper's Ferry Development Association Inc.
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Education Works
Food Bank of South Jersey
Green Village Philadelphia

Latin American Economic Development
Association, Inc.
Mighty Writers
NBC10/WCAU-TV
Open Communities LLC.
Puerto Rican Unity for Progress, Inc.
Rutgers Early Learning Research Academy
Rutgers-Camden Urban Studies
The Philadelphia Inquirer
Trenton Housing Authority
U.S. Department of Housing

What Careers Are Available For Urban Studies/Community Development Majors

The following are samples of first jobs of Rutgers-Camden Urban Studies/Community Development majors:

Administrative Aide, Franklin Township
Assistant Director, Housing & Community Development
Community Renewal, Camden Empowerment Zone
Executive Director, Fairview Main Street
Pharmacy Technician, Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center
Planner, City of Cherry Hill, NJ
Program Director, Mighty Writers
Security Officer- Rutgers, Camden Security Officer
Structural Apprentice, New Jersey Air National Guard
Transportation Planner, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

Graduate School Options

RUC Urban Studies/Community Development majors have earned Master's and Doctorate level degrees in many fields. These degrees include Public Policy & Administration, Social Work, Education, and Law.

Resources

Consider joining a professional association such as:

Urban Affairs Association

www.urbanaffairsassociation.org

NJ Chapter of American Planning Association

www.njplanning.org

The Urban Institute

www.urban.org

Or join the **Rutgers-Camden Urban Studies Student Association**.

Get involved on campus as a Community Service Officer.

Do an internship in your field of interest

Also consider joining the Public Administration Student Association, the Undergraduate Social Work Organization, or the Pre-Law Society.

Help a faculty member with their research

Connect with professionals in fields that interest you on LinkedIn.

Career Center:

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