12 credits: To complete the major, students will take a total of at least 12 credits

Community Learning: At least one course must be a CL course, the community learning research colloquium, or the Liberal Arts Action Lab

Comparative and Global Perspective: At least one of the elective courses must be either (A) a study away course or (B) an approved domestic internship that will expand the student's capacity for awareness of global urbanism

Capstone requirement: Students must complete URST 401. Qualified students (GPA over 3.25 and 3.50 in the major) may choose to get honors in the major, which will require them to complete a one semester thesis through URST 497, or a two-semester thesis through URST 498 (fall) and URST 499 (spring)

URST 101: Introduction to Urban Studies
URST 201: From Hartford to World Cities

Thematic cluster: Four courses must be completed in one of the thematic clusters. At least one course must be at the 300 level and no courses at the 100 level can be counted toward the cluster.

Thematic clusters:

Planning and Policy: This thematic cluster includes courses in urban studies, public policy, environmental science or other fields which are built around practical, applied, or professional skill development. The following courses fit this track. Other courses can count for the track with the approval of the adviser:


Urban Society: This track encompasses the general liberal arts areas of concentration, through courses in urban studies but also urban courses in many fields such as political science, history, anthropology, sociology, art history, Hispanic studies, American studies, educational studies, economics, English or international studies, among other possibilities. Students work with their adviser to make the thematic cluster a clear concentration within the social sciences and humanities. Some example courses are: