About Urban Studies

Urban Studies (URST) is a degree for students interested in addressing real world public issues in metropolitan environments while developing data analysis and leadership skills to directly impact our communities.

A bachelor's degree in public administration prepares you for a career in government, nonprofit agencies, and trade and professional research foundations.

Mission of the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs

The Greenspun College of Urban Affairs is dedicated to your personal and academic development, the advancement of our disciplines, and the improvement of public policy and professional practices.

Our programs emphasize improvement of the quality of urban life by preparing you for professional practice through interdisciplinary learning, service, and scholarship founded on active collaboration among you, our faculty, professionals, and community members.

Visit this site for more information: http://urbanaffairs.unlv.edu/

Urban Studies Career Options

- Policy Analyst
- Urban Planner
- Grant Writer
- Human Resources Coordinator
- Labor Relations Managers and Specialist
- City Management
- Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers
- Parks and Recreation Management
- Economic Development Forecasting
- Lobbyist
- Geographic Information Systems Specialist

Graduate Program

Master’s of Urban Leadership

The Master's of Urban Leadership (MUL) is based on the recognition that effective urban leaders positively shape the economic, social, and political conditions of our cities.

Questions about the program may be directed to Dr. Benoy Jacob via e-mail at benoy.jacob@unlv.edu.

Professional Associations

Major professional associations dedicated to Public Administration areas offer membership benefits such as news about the latest research and job offerings. Students are encouraged to get involved with these organizations early on!

- American Society for Public Administration (ASPA): http://www.aspanet.org
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM): http://www.appam.org/
- International City/County Management Association (ICMA): http://www.icma.org
- Urban Affairs Association (UAA): http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/
- National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA): http://www.napawash.org

UNLV Academic Advising

For Urban Studies Majors:

Academic Advisors who are eager to meet with students about their academic goals and to assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.

Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Advising Center
Phone: 702-895-1009
Campus Location: GUA 4th Floor - North Wing
http://urbanaffairs.unlv.edu/advising/

www.unlv.edu/publicpolicy
Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

http://www.bls.gov/ooh/

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010–20 decade.

Career Exploration/Planning

FOCUS 2: UNLV’s computerized assessment that profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that’s right for you.

http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI): Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html

Strong Interest Inventory: Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html

UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495
Campus Location: SSC-A 2nd Floor
http://hire.unlv.edu/

MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2016-2018

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Internship Opportunities

UNLV’s Hire a Rebel is a free, online recruiting system that helps students, alumni, and employers connect in a variety of ways.

Students can use Hire a Rebel to search for: job and internship listings, on-campus recruiting interviews, employer information sessions, resume book database, & dates for career fairs.

http://hire.unlv.edu/careerLink.html