

# Global Metropolitan Studies

The 21st century will be an urban century with more people around the world residing in metropolitan regions than in any other form of human settlement. This urbanization is taking place in both the global North and the global South. Its implications are widespread: from environmental challenges to entrenched patterns of segregation to new configurations of politics and social movements. The Global Metropolitan Studies Initiative is concerned with this urban condition. Bringing together numerous faculty, this multidisciplinary endeavor supports research and houses graduate and undergraduate curricula. It is one of a handful of strategic initiatives selected by the UC Berkeley campus to mark a new generation of scholarship and to consolidate an emerging academic field.

The objective of the designated emphasis (DE) is to encourage and support multidisciplinary doctoral-level education and research on global metropolitan issues. Multidisciplinary training will be provided through a wide range of course offerings as well as through participation in seminars and conferences organized by GMS.

The Designated Emphasis in Global Metropolitan Studies is for selected UC Berkeley PhD students with interest in metropolitan and regional issues. Students may come from any discipline across campus. The designated emphasis provides students with certification as well as with a context for the interdisciplinary exchange of ideas and development of research.

Applicants must already be enrolled or accepted into an existing PhD program at Berkeley (master's students and students at other institutions are not eligible). Students should apply at least two semesters before the PhD qualifying examination.

Interested students must apply for the designated emphasis. They are selected on the basis of academic qualifications, appropriateness of their interests to the program's teaching resources, and the enrollment capacity of the required courses.

Admission to the GMS Designated Emphasis is determined by the GMS co-chairs. Applications are due one week prior to the last day of the fall and spring semester.

The GMS DE application, and list of additional required documents, can be found here (<http://metrostudies.berkeley.edu/Application%20for%20the%20Global%20Metropolitan%20Studies%20Designated%20Emphasis.pdf>).

The Designated Emphasis in Global Metropolitan Studies offers two concentrations: 1) Comparative Urban Studies; or 2) Infrastructure and Environment.

## Curriculum

Students in the designated emphasis program must complete two core courses required for the designated emphasis.

In addition to the two core courses, students in the Designated Emphasis in Global Metropolitan Studies are required to take three additional courses for graduate credit on topics in metropolitan studies. The courses must be selected from the approved list for the student's chosen concentration unless a substitution is authorized by the GMS Graduate

Group's Curriculum Committee (see below). The lists of breadth courses will be reviewed and updated by the committee annually.

Elective courses should be completed prior to advancing to candidacy and no more than one elective course for the designated emphasis can be taken from the student's home department. Students may substitute no more than one course not on the list, with the approval of the Curriculum Committee.

### Core Courses

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| GMS 200   | Global Metropolitan Studies: Introduction to Theories, Histories, and Methods <sup>1</sup> | 3 |
| Select one Advanced Seminar in Methods from the following, according to concentration: <sup>2</sup> |  | 3 |
| GMS 201   | Research Seminar in Comparative Urban Studies  |   |
| GMS 202   | Course Not Available   |   |

### Breadth Courses

Select three additional courses for graduate credit on topics in metropolitan studies

### Electives

Electives for the concentration the student has selected (see below)

- <sup>1</sup> This course is designed to examine metropolitan development through history and consider metropolitan issues from the varied perspectives of the social sciences and the professions. This course must be taken for a letter grade, and should be taken precandidacy.
- <sup>2</sup> The Advanced Seminars are designed for students who have completed their qualifying examinations. These courses offer an opportunity for in-depth examination of contemporary research topics, data and methods, and recent research findings and challenges in specific subfields of global metropolitan studies. This course should be taken post-candidacy.

### Elective Courses for Comparative Urban Studies Concentration

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|--------------|--|---|
| AFRICAM 256B | Diaspora, Citizenship, and Transnationality  | 4 |
| ANTHRO 250C  | Course Not Available   |   |
| ANTHRO 250L  | Course Not Available   |   |
| ANTHRO 250P  | Course Not Available   |   |
| ANTHRO 250X  | Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Special Topics (Metropolitan Theory and Practice ) | 4 |
| ANTHRO 250X  | Seminars in Social and Cultural Anthropology: Special Topics (Cities of the Global South )       | 4 |
| ARCH 219A    | Course Not Available   |   |
| ARCH 233     | Architectures of Globalization: Contested Spaces of Global Culture                               | 3 |
| ARCH 271     | Methods in Historical Research and Criticism in Architecture                                     | 4 |
| CY PLAN 223  | Economic Development Planning  | 3 |
| CY PLAN 225  | Course Not Available   |   |
| CY PLAN 231  | Housing in Developing Countries  | 3 |
| CY PLAN 271  | Development Theories and Practices   | 3 |
| CY PLAN 275  | Comparative Analysis of Urban Policies   | 3 |
| COM LIT C221 | Aesthetics as Critique   | 4 |
| GEOG 164     | The Geography of Economic Development in China   | 4 |
| GEOG 214     | Development Theories and Practices   | 4 |

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| GEOG 215     | Seminar in Comparative and International Development  | 4 |
| GEOG 220     | Capital, Value, and Scale   | 4 |
| GEOG 253     | Topics in Urban Geography   | 4 |
| HISTORY 275B | Core Courses in the Literature of the Several Fields of History: Europe   | 4 |
| HISTORY 280B | Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Europe (The Problem of Enlightenment Europe )           | 4 |
| HISTORY 280B | Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Europe (Early Modern Europe )                           | 4 |
| HISTORY 280E | Advanced Studies: Sources/General Literature of the Several Fields: Latin America (Race and Nation in Modern Latin America) | 4 |
| POL SCI 249P | Course Not Available (Metropolitan Governance in Developing Countries )   |   |
| POL SCI 273  | Urban Politics  | 4 |
| SOCIOL 205S  | Supervised Preparatory Course Work: Social Movements  | 3 |
| SOCIOL 205U  | Supervised Preparatory Course Work: Society and Environment   | 3 |
| SOCIOL 280C  | Advanced Study in Substantive Sociological Fields: Political Sociology  | 3 |
| SOCIOL 280H  | Advanced Study in Substantive Sociological Fields: Development  | 3 |
| SOCIOL 280J  | Advanced Study in Substantive Sociological Fields: Urban Sociology  | 3 |
| SOCIOL 280Y  | Sociology of Globalization  | 3 |
| SOCIOL 280X  | Advanced Study in Substantive Sociological Fields: Immigration and Incorporation  | 3 |

### Elective Courses for the Infrastructure and Environment Concentration

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| CY PLAN 219   | Comparative International Topics in Transportation | 3   |
| CY PLAN C234  | Course Not Available                               |     |
| CY PLAN 254   | Sustainable Communities                            | 3   |
| CY PLAN 250   | Course Not Available                               |     |
| CY PLAN 270   | Course Not Available                               |     |
| CIV ENG 206N  | Course Not Available                               |     |
| CIV ENG 259   | Public Transportation Systems                      | 3   |
| CIV ENG 261   | Infrastructure Systems Management                  | 3   |
| CIV ENG 268E  | Civil Systems and the Environment                  | 3   |
| CIV ENG C293A | Course Not Available                               |     |
| ENE,RES C200  | Energy and Society                                 | 4   |
| ENE,RES 201   | Interdisciplinary Analysis in Energy and Resources | 3   |
| ENE,RES 275   | Water and Development                              | 4   |
| ENE,RES 280   | Energy Economics                                   | 3   |
| ENVECON 162   | Economics of Water Resources                       | 3   |
| LD ARCH 138   | Course Not Available                               |     |
| LD ARCH 222   | Hydrology for Planners                             | 4   |
| LD ARCH 227   | Restoration of Rivers and Streams                  | 3   |
| LD ARCH C229  | Course Not Available                               | 1-3 |
| LD ARCH 228   | Course Not Available                               |     |
| LD ARCH 235   | Course Not Available                               |     |
| LD ARCH 237   | The Process of Environmental Planning              | 3   |

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| PB HLTH 220C | Health Risk Assessment   | 3 |
| PB HLTH 255A | Social Epidemiology  | 3 |
| PB HLTH 257A | Course Not Available   |   |
| PB HLTH 267D | Course Not Available   |   |
| PB HLTH 272A | Geographic Information Science for Public and Environmental Health | 4 |
| PB HLTH 285A | Public Health Injury Prevention and Control                        | 2 |

## Qualifying Exam

The student's PhD qualifying exam committee must include at least one member of the Global Metropolitan Studies Graduate Group core faculty, who will evaluate the student's knowledge related to the designated emphasis.

Once the student has completed the Application for the Qualifying Exam ([http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/policies/pdf/qe\\_application.pdf](http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/policies/pdf/qe_application.pdf)) and the GMS qualifying exam checklist (located in the student handbook), they should submit both forms to the GMS DE graduate office in 226 Wurster Hall for the head graduate adviser's signature.

## Dissertation

The student's dissertation topic also must be related to Global Metropolitan Studies and the dissertation committee must include at least one member of the GMS Graduate Group core faculty who can evaluate the dissertation from that perspective.

## Global Metropolitan Studies

### GMS 200 Global Metropolitan Studies: Introduction to Theories, Histories, and Methods 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2016

The investigation of modern cities presents great challenges for social and urban theory. This seminar addresses these challenges through a multidisciplinary perspective that structures the discussion in terms of a history of metropolitan transformations, global urbanization, and the production and regulation of cities as spaces of contestation and creativity.

Global Metropolitan Studies: Introduction to Theories, Histories, and Methods: Read More [+]

#### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Ph.D. student in Global Metropolitan Studies Designated Emphasis, or consent of instructor

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Global Metropolitan Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Global Metropolitan Studies: Introduction to Theories, Histories, and Methods: Read Less [-]

## GMS 201 Research Seminar in Comparative Urban Studies 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014

This core seminar for the Designated Emphasis in Global Metropolitan Studies offers an in-depth examination of contemporary research topics, data and methods, recent research findings, and challenges in specific subfields of international urban studies. Emphasis will be placed upon the discussion and improvement of students' dissertation chapters.

Research Seminar in Comparative Urban Studies: Read More [\[+\]](#)

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Ph.D. candidate in Global Metropolitan Studies Designated Emphasis or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Global Metropolitan Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Instructor:** Post

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## GMS C203 Urban and Subnational Politics in Developing Countries 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course will consider the political and institutional environment in which efforts to address metropolitan problems are developed, the financial and institutional vehicles used to provide services of different types, and the role of political parties and other forms of political organization in the development and allocation of services. Emphasis will be placed upon fertile areas for research within the social sciences.,Terms offered: Fall 2013

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Urban and Subnational Politics in Developing Countries: Read More [\[+\]](#)

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Graduate student standing

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Global Metropolitan Studies/Graduate

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### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Graduate student standing

### Hours & Format

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### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Global Metropolitan Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Also listed as:** POL SCI C203

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## GMS 299 Independent Study or Research 1 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013

Individual study or research program; must be worked out with GMS faculty in advance of signing up for credits.

Independent Study or Research: [Read More](#) [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Restricted to GMS Designated Emphasis Ph.D. students

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of independent study per week

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 5.5 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Global Metropolitan Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

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