



Urban Studies/Planning Advising Guide

Given the interdisciplinary nature of Urban Studies and Planning, department strengths and focuses are indicated in the host institution descriptions below. Detailed information about ISA programs at these host institutions is available on ISA's website by following the links below. If you would like to receive specific course syllabi, or have further questions about any of these recommendations, please feel free to contact ISA's Academic Affairs Department at academicaffairs@studiesabroad.com.

Courses are in English unless otherwise noted.

AFRICA

University of Cape Town (Cape Town, South Africa)

The Department of Environmental and Geographical Science and the Department of Architecture, Planning, and Geomatics at the [University of Cape Town](#) offer courses that pertain to both urban planning and design as well as to urban challenges in a South African context. These departments share a strong contextual approach and a commitment to engage with Cape Town as a locus with unique and important challenges.

Urban Studies Fields:

- [Architecture](#)
- [Geography](#)
- [Urban Studies and Planning](#)

Other Regional Options:

- [University of the Western Cape](#) – Cape Town, South Africa
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ASIA

Korea University (Seoul, South Korea)

[Korea University](#) offers architecture and planning courses that are designed to foster creativity and professional competence. The department of Architecture at KU is committed to exploring and reimagining the cultural view of architecture within a particularly Korean context. Students will thus be exposed to unique design courses that broaden their global competence.

Urban Studies Fields:

- [Architecture](#)
 - [Landscape Architecture](#)
 - [Urban Studies and Planning](#)
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EUROPE

University of Westminster (London, England)

The Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment at the [University of Westminster](#) is one of the country's leading centers for teaching and research in the field and is one of the few in the UK to bring together all the disciplines that inform urban design and development. From architecture to transport, construction to tourism, property to urban design, housing to planning – the University of Westminster's various subject areas are all central to discussions about urban futures and, because they are all brought together under one roof, there is the opportunity to work across normal professional boundaries. The University of Westminster also has [internship](#) opportunities available.

Urban Studies Fields:

- [Architecture](#)
- [British Studies](#)
- [Urban Studies and Planning](#)

Freie Universität Berlin (Berlin, Germany)

With courses offered in English and German, [Freie Universität Berlin](#) is a great choice for students wishing to explore Urban Studies and Architectural History through courses firmly grounded in the context of Berlin. In addition to courses that focus on

the physical space of Berlin, the Freie Universität offers interdisciplinary courses focusing on the intersection between the urban environment and cinema, literature, and music.

Urban Studies Fields:

- [Architecture](#)
- [Urban Studies and Planning](#)
- [Berlin & German Culture](#)

Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain)

With Urban Studies and Planning courses in English, the [Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona](#) is the second largest public university in Barcelona and ranked 10th in the world for universities established in the last 50 years (2014 QS World University Rankings).

Urban Studies Fields:

- [Architecture](#)
- [Landscape Architecture](#)
- [Urban Studies and Planning](#)

Other Regional Options:

- [Kingston University](#) – London, England
- [Maynooth University](#) – Dublin, Ireland
- [University College Dublin](#) – Dublin, Ireland
- [University of Limerick](#) – Limerick, Ireland
- [Universitat Pompeu Fabra](#) – Barcelona, Spain

LATIN AMERICA

Universidad del Norte (Barranquilla, Colombia)

Founded in 1966, the [Universidad del Norte](#) is one of the top universities in Colombia and the Caribbean region. Internationalization is a priority for the UniNorte, and they collaborate with numerous US and international universities to achieve this goal. Situated along the Magdalena River and known as the “Golden Gate to Colombia,” Barranquilla is a vibrant and cosmopolitan port city, providing Urban Studies students a unique backdrop to their coursework abroad. Courses are taught in both Spanish and English.

Urban Studies Fields:

- [Architecture](#)
- [Geography](#)
- [Latin American Studies](#)
- [Urban Studies and Planning](#)

Other Regional Options:

- [Universidad de Belgrano](#) – Buenos Aires, Argentina (courses in Spanish)
- [Universidade do Sul de Santa Catarina](#) – Florianópolis, Brazil (courses in Portuguese)
- [Universidad Latina, Heredia](#) – Heredia, Costa Rica (courses in Spanish)
- [Universidad Veritas](#) – San José, Costa Rica (courses in English)
 - ISA [Service-Learning](#) opportunity available
- [Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú](#) – Lima, Peru (courses in Spanish)
 - ISA [Service-Learning](#) opportunity available

PACIFIC

University of Queensland (Brisbane, Australia)

Regional and Town Planning at the [University of Queensland](#) offers courses in a variety of areas, including: environment and society; planning theory; environmental planning; planning practice; real estate development planning; and environmental impact. The courses emphasize the application of planning theory and development of design skills through project work. [Cricos Code: 00025B]

Urban Studies Fields:

- [Architecture](#)
- [Geography](#)
- [Urban Studies and Planning](#)

University of Melbourne (Melbourne, Australia)

The program in Environments at the [University of Melbourne](#) gives students the opportunity to learn how architects, engineers, scientists and designers work together to shape the environments we enjoy every day. Urban design and planning courses focus on the importance of design and planning within social, environmental, aesthetic and economic contexts. [Cricos Code: 00116K]

Urban Studies Fields:

- [Architecture](#)
- [Design Management](#)
- [Geography](#)
- [Landscape Architecture](#)
- [Urban Studies and Planning](#)

University of Technology Sydney (Sydney, Australia)

The Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building at the [University of Technology Sydney](#) (UTS) aims to contribute to the transformation of urban life and the built environment. Courses focus on a variety of subjects such as spatial design, visual communications, architecture, property development, construction and project management. These courses are renowned for their technological innovation and their practical industry application. [Cricos Code: 00099F]

Urban Studies Fields:

- [Urban Studies and Planning](#)
- [Architecture](#)
- [Design Management](#)
- [Construction Management](#)
- [Landscape Architecture](#)

Victoria University of Wellington (Wellington, New Zealand)

With unique program offerings in New Zealand (such as Design: Culture + Context) coupled with more traditional programs (such as Architecture and Geography), [Victoria University of Wellington](#) allows ISA students to focus on a range of issue that pertain to city design and the built environment. The School of Architecture and Design is located at the Te Aro campus, near the central business district of Wellington.

Urban Studies Fields:

- [Architecture](#)
- [Construction Management](#)
- [Design Management](#)
- [Geography](#)
- [Urban Studies and Planning](#)

Other Regional Options:

- [Queensland University of Technology](#) – Brisbane, Australia
- [Bond University](#) – Gold Coast, Australia
- [University of Newcastle](#) – Newcastle, Australia
- [Macquarie University](#) – Sydney, Australia
- [University of New South Wales](#) – Sydney Australia
- [James Cook University](#) – Townsville, Australia
- [University of the South Pacific](#) – Suva, Fiji
- [AUT University](#) – Auckland, New Zealand
- [University of Auckland](#) – Auckland, New Zealand