



CAREER PATHFINDERS

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN

URBAN AND INNER CITY STUDIES

Overview

Urban and Inner City Studies is a program that combines elements of several different disciplines to examine the nature and movement of cities and cultural experiences within them. Students in this program will take a multi-perspectival look at a variety of aspects of the urban experience. Urban and Inner Cities Studies is designed especially for people who find themselves drawn to social justice issues and those with a strong drive towards community development.

“After a decade working in the field of Communications in Ottawa, I moved to Winnipeg to follow my passion for community development in the UIC program at UWinnipeg. It was just the change I needed and a fantastic experience! I learned a great deal about everything from poverty to Indigenous history and culture to local politics and economics. The small classrooms, mentorship from professors, and philosophy of giving back to the community really sets UIC apart.”

Denise MacDonald, BA in Urban and Inner-City Studies, now working as the Director of Communications and Fundraising at West Central Women’s Resource Centre

Job Titles

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Services Worker (NOC 4212) • Urban Planner (NOC 2153) • Public Policy Analyst (NOC 0411, 0412, 0413) • Fundraiser (NOC 1123) • Youth Worker (NOC 4212) • Intake Counsellor (NOC 4212) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawyer (NOC 4112) • Public Relations Agent (NOC 1123) • Advocate (NOC 4112) • Event Planner (NOC 1226) • Volunteer Coordinator (NOC 4212) • Social Worker (NOC 4152) • Educator (NOC 4011) ¹ |
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¹ The numbers following each job title refer to [Canada’s National Occupational Classification \(NOC\) code](#). Jobs may require additional education or training.

Work Settings

- Community-Based Organizations
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Counselling Agencies
- Cultural Organizations
- Educational Institutions
- Government Agencies/Departments
- Museums/Galleries
- Political Parties
- Public Interest Groups
- Social Service Organizations
- Trade/Professional Associations
- Youth Serving agencies

Skills and Characteristics

- Problem solving
- Community issues awareness
- Analytical skills
- Organizational skills
- Advocacy skills
- Public policy analysis
- Critical thinking
- Community development skills
- Community economic development skills

Professional Associations and Other Links

- Canadian Institute of Planners <http://www.cip-icu.ca/>
- Canadian Urban Institute <http://www.canurb.org/>
- International Society of City and Regional Planners <http://isocarp.org/>
- International Association for Community Development <http://www.iacdglobel.org/>
- Community Education Development Association <http://cedawpg.org/>
- Canadian Community Economic Development Network <https://ccednet-rcdec.ca/en/>

This document is intended to provide a starting point for your career research. For more information about UWinnipeg's Urban and Inner City Studies program, visit the [Department of Urban and Inner City Studies website](#) and the [Urban and Inner City Studies Fact Sheet](#).

Students are encouraged to [schedule an appointment with an Academic and Career Advisor](#) for assistance with career planning.