If you are interested in the Graduate Specialization in Global Urban Studies, please contact the program director, Dr. Igor Vojnovic at vojnovic@msu.edu.

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Addressing urban issues in global and comparative contexts

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The Graduate Specialization in Global Urban Studies, administered by the College of Social Science, offers interdisciplinary study integrated with programs offered by disciplinary departments and is available as an elective to students who are enrolled in any graduate degree program at Michigan State University.

The Graduate Specialization in Global Urban Studies addresses political, spatial, cultural and economic processes and issues in urban areas across the United States and the world, as well as the global forces that impact and unite urban areas.

Cutting edge research opportunities compliment extensive course work in these areas.

With the approval of the department and college that administers the student’s degree program, the courses that are used to satisfy the specialization may also be used to satisfy the requirements for masters and doctoral degrees.

**PROGRAM**

The Global Urban Studies Program (GUSP) at Michigan State University will increase knowledge about processes, policies and issues in urban areas across the world, emphasizing global forces that impact and unite urban areas. The program endeavors to improve urban conditions through rigorous graduate education and innovative interdisciplinary research.

**VISION**

Provide quality graduate education to students enabling them to engage in careers that increase or apply knowledge to improve urban communities nationally and internationally.

Facilitate and undertake research to enhance knowledge of urban processes, policies and issues in a comparative context, particularly focusing on the relationships between global forces and urban areas.

Serve as the University Center for collaboration, dissemination, debate and awareness of urban issues in a comparative context and the impact of globalization on communities.

Enhance the external perception of Michigan State University as a leader in high quality education and research on global urban issues.

**MISSION**

**REQUIREMENTS**

1. Both of the following courses (6 credits):
   - GUSP 816/GEO 816: World System of Cities .. 3
   - GUSP 975: Global Research Capstone ........ 3

2. Complete two (2) additional courses:

   The courses below are samples of currently available courses. Students may select other courses from other departments or disciplines with the approval of the specialization adviser. (6 or 7 credits)

   **POLITICAL SPHERE**
   - PLS 811: Proseminar in Public Policy ........... 3
   - PPL 807: Public Policy ................................ 3
   - PPL 891: Urban Public Policy ..................... 3

   **SPATIAL SPHERE**
   - GUSP 817: China and Globalization ............ 3
   - GUSP 868: Planning Resilience against Extreme Events ......... 1-4
   - GUSP 970: Section 2: Urban Simulations .......... 1-6
   - GEO 453: Metropolitan Environments ............ 3

   **SOCIAL/CULTURAL SPHERE**
   - GUSP 850: Urban Infrastructures, Urban Politics 3
   - GUSP 931: Urban Social Networks ................. 3
   - GUSP 970: Section 3: War, Reconstruction and the City ........ 1-6
   - SOC 838: Comparative Urban Theory ................ 3
   - ANP 426: Urban Anthropology .................... 3

   **ECONOMIC SPHERE**
   - AEC 991: Advanced Topics in Agricultural Economics .......... 3
   - EC 840: International Trade: Theory and Commercial Policy .... 3
   - UP 454: Local Economic Planning .................. 3

   **STUDY ABROAD**
   - GUSP 931: Study Abroad ................................ 1-4

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