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Proposed minor

Undergraduate Council

Joseph Mashburn
Dean

Steering Committee for the Proposed Minor: Professors Kathleen Brosnan, Hildegard Glass, Janet Kohlhase, Martin Melosi and Michelangelo Sabatino

WORLD CITIES MINOR (WOC)

The minor encourages students to critically explore cities of the world from different geographical, chronological and disciplinary perspectives in an effort to help them develop analytical tools for understanding complex urban phenomena.

The minor will be administered through the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture:

1) Complete 15 hours of designated courses including:

   a) ONE foundation course: ARCH 3350 Architecture, Art, and Politics
   b) FOUR additional courses selected from the approved list for the minor, which will include mostly existing undergraduate courses, selected graduate courses taken for undergraduate credit, independent study, and newly designed courses approved by steering committee
   c) No more than ONE independent study can be applied to the minor
   d) Course selection must reflect a broad geographic and disciplinary distribution. Not all courses from one country, region, or culture. No more than TWO courses from any one discipline.
   e) A GPA of 2.5 is required in those courses completed for the minor

Current offerings (already in the undergraduate catalogue):

ARCH 4373 Urban Environments
ARCH 4375 Capitalism, Architecture and the City
ECON 4377 Urban Economics
FREN 3362 Paris and Berlin since 1800
GERM 3362 Paris and Berlin since 1800
HIST 3319 Urban History of the United States
HIST 3327 Houston Since 1836
HIST 6389 American Urban History
WCL 2352 World Cinema
WCL 4396 Selected Topics in WCL: Visual Stories