



MASTER IN URBAN STUDIES

M.I.S. | Master of Interdisciplinary Studies in Urban Studies

The Andrew Young School's Master's in Urban Studies degree provides you with the knowledge and analytical skills to understand our increasingly urban world. Train for a career building productive, inclusive, and sustainable cities in the fields of urban policy, planning, and community development.

THE PROGRAM

Cities are complex places where prosperity and innovation coexist with deprivation and vulnerability. Emerging urban challenges – from community development, affordable housing, and transportation to economic inequality, climate change, and global pandemics – require novel, interdisciplinary solutions. Our Master's degree prepares you to analyze the issues shaping cities and urban regions. Gain a sophisticated understanding of urbanization and the tools to promote more equitable urban futures.

- A rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum with the freedom to specialize
- Combine global perspectives with local impact
- Based in the heart of Atlanta – our dynamic global metropolis and urban laboratory
- Work closely with top-rated faculty with wide-ranging urban expertise
- Understand and improve social well-being for diverse urban communities
- Develop in-demand research and professional skills
- Engage practitioners and policy-makers to make a tangible difference on urban decision-making

“USI has welcomed me into a posture of critical hope—challenging many of my perspectives while providing tools to better engage inclusive development. In listening to and learning from USI peers and faculty, I have gained a greater sense of urban complexity that now directs my desire to work toward justice.”

Margaret Mullins
Class of '21

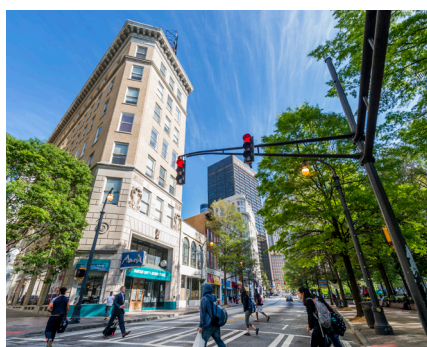
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“We are changing the world, one student at a time, one idea at a time.”

AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG



“Our students engage Atlanta through hands-on experiences, applying their skills and knowledge to create a positive impact in our community. And they build lasting relationships that they can carry into their careers.”

– Dr. Dan Immergluck

THEMATIC FOCUS

The Urban Studies Institute conducts top-level urban research and engages with stakeholders in metropolitan Atlanta and in cities around the world. Our research and teaching emphasize:

- **Economic resilience:** The new information economy is urban-based, providing the bulk of new jobs and the lion's share of national and global GDP. The economic resilience of cities is ever more crucial to the well-being of nations.
- **Inclusive urbanism:** Who are cities for? Understanding who has the right to shape cities and access their resources is vital to the development of policies and interventions that empower marginalized and vulnerable communities.
- **Environmental sustainability:** Our grand challenge is to reimagine the relationship between humans and the environment. We have an opportunity, and an obligation, to make our cities more equitable, resilient, and sustainable.

COURSE OF STUDY

The MIS in Urban Studies consists of 30 credit hours, with a flexible degree structure that can be completed full-time (18 months+) or part-time. We offer a core curriculum of shared courses and students specialize by selecting from a wide range of elective courses:

- **Core courses in urban studies and applied research methods (12 credits)** – Urban Theory & Praxis, Global Urban Trajectories, GIS, and Statistics for Urban Social Science
- **Interdisciplinary electives (12 credits)** – Choose from courses across GSU including: *Urban Environments; Housing Markets and Housing Policy; Race and Ethnic Relations; Urban Health; Urban Demography and Analysis; Economic Development, Policy and Planning; Urban Data Analytics; Metropolitan Atlanta, and many more...*
- **A capstone experience (6 credits)** – Our graduate degree includes options for thesis projects, capstone research papers, and internships with public, private, or non-profit organizations in Atlanta and beyond

INTERSHIPS & CAREERS

MIS graduates are able to conduct rigorous urban research with clear policy relevance, imbued with a commitment to realizing more equitable and inclusive forms of urban development. Urban Studies students go on to careers in fields including: academia, business, government, planning, law, public policy, market research, and consultancy...

As part of their MIS program, our students have interned at the City of Atlanta, City of Decatur, Mercy Housing, MARTA, Atlanta Regional Commission, Federal Reserve of Atlanta, Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, Invest Atlanta, the CDC, and even become Presidential Management Fellows.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A complete online application
- A personal essay outlining your research interests and professional goals
- Official GRE scores (Reported to institution code 5251 or waiver request)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
- TOEFL/IELTS scores. For the TOEFL, GSU recommends that the applicant achieve a minimum score of 90 on the Internet-based test. For the IELTS, a minimum overall band score of at least 7 is recommended
- Application fee: \$50