Understanding Communities

This cluster explores the nature of the communities we live in, whether defined spatially (such as a neighborhood) or as a set of ties based on sharing a common interest. Building community has become a central debate in a number of social sciences, including sociology, political science, economics, and psychology. In a culture emphasizing individualism and individual rights, how can needs for community and responsibility to others be balanced? Thus, in this cluster, students have the opportunity to gain practical as well as theoretical experience with building communities.

List of Courses Offered

Learning Outcomes

Sophomore Inquiry:

The Sophomore Inquiry course for this Cluster is **UNST 220**.

Study Abroad Opportunities:

Visit Study Abroad's UNST Resource page to get the most up-to-date information regarding earning UNST credits abroad.

Additional Resources:
Library research guide

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Chicanx/Latinx Studies Minor

28 credits: 16 required credits; 12 upper-division elective credits.

CHLA 301U, CHLA 302U, and CHLA 303U are required, any of the other courses listed below may count toward electives.

Visit the Chicanx/Latinx Studies website which fully details the requirements and consult with an advisor.

Courses:

- CHLA 301U: Chicano/Latino Communities
- CHLA 380U: Latinos in the Economy and Politics
- CHLA 390U: Latinos in the Pacific Northwest

Civic Leadership Minor

(Note: program on moratorium.)
34 credits: all must be upper-division; at least 20 credits must be taken in residence at PSU.
PA 311U and PA 312U are required; other courses listed below will count towards electives.

Visit the Civic Leadership website which fully details the requirements and consult with an advisor.

Courses:

- COMM 313U: Communication in Groups
- PA 311U: Intro to Civic Leadership
- PA 312U: Foundations of Community Leadership
- USP 350U: Concepts of Citizen Participation

Community Urban Studies & Planning Minor

27 credits.

UNST 220, USP 300U, and USP 311U are required courses for the minor.

Visit the Community Urban Studies & Planning Minor which fully details the requirements and consult with an advisor.

Courses:

- UNST 220: Understanding Communities
- USP 300U: Introduction to Urban Studies
- USP 311U: Introduction to Urban Planning

Conflict Resolution Minor

28 credits.

CR 301U, CR 302U, CR 303U, CR 304U, CR 306U, and CR 307U are required courses for the minor.

Visit the Conflict Resolution Minor which fully details the requirements and consult with an advisor.

Courses:

- CR 301U: Intro to Conflict Resolution
- CR 302U: Intro to Peace Studies
- CR 304U: Participating in Democracy
- CR 306U: Intro to Nonviolence

Geography Minor

28 credits: 16 credits must be upper-division; at least 12 credits must be taken in residence at PSU.

Any of the courses listed below may apply toward the 16 credits of advisor-approved electives.

Visit the Geography Department website which fully details the requirements and consult with an advisor.

Courses:

- GEOG 331U: Geography of Globalization
- GEOG 332U: Urban Geography
- GEOG 380U: Maps and Geographic Information

Real Estate Development Minor

32 credits: 26 required credits, 6 elective credits.

USP 311U is required, any of the other courses listed below may count towards electives.

Visit the Urban Studies & Planning Department website which fully details the requirements and consult with an advisor.

Courses:

- USP 300U: Intro to Urban Studies
- USP 311U: Intro to Urban Planning
- USP 312U: Urban Housing and Development
- USP 313U: Urban Planning: Environmental Issues
- USP 314U: The City in Film
- USP 317U: Intro to International Community Development
- USP 323U: Real Estate Development
- USP 324U: Healthy Communities
- USP 325U: Community and the Built Environment
- USP 350U: Concepts of Citizen Participation
- USP 385U: History of American Cities (Crosslisted with HST 337U)
- USP 386U: Portland Past and Present

Sustainability Minor

30 credits: 21 credits must be upper-division; at least 15 credits must be taken in residence at PSU.

9 required credits including UNST 224U. Any of the courses listed below can satisfy a portion of the minor requirements.

Visit the Sustainability website below which fully details the requirements and consult with an advisor.

Courses:

- ESM 355U: Understanding Environmental Sustainability I
- ESM 356U: Understanding Environmental Sustainability II
- USP 313U: Urban Planning: Environmental Issues

Sustainable Urban Development Minor

27 credits: 15 required credits.

Any of the courses listed below may satisfy a portion of the minor requirements.

Visit the Urban Studies & Planning Department website below which fully details the requirements and consult with an advisor.

Courses:

- USP 300U: Intro to Urban Studies
- USP 311U: Intro to Urban Planning
- USP 312U: Urban Housing and Development
- USP 313U: Urban Planning: Environmental Issues
- USP 314U: The City in Film
- USP 317U: Intro to International Community Development
- USP 323U: Real Estate Development
- USP 324U: Healthy Communities
- USP 325U: Community and the Built Environment
- USP 350U: Concepts of Citizen Participation
- USP 385U: History of American Cities (Crosslisted with HST 337U)
- USP 386U: Portland Past and Present

Chicanx/Latinx Studies (Certificate)

36 credits: 12 credits must be upper-division, one of which must be 400-level.

CHLA 301, CHLA 302 and CHLA 303 are required. Any other courses listed below can satisfy a portion of the elective minor requirements.

Visit the Chicanx/Latinx Studies website below which fully details the requirements and consult with an advisor.

Courses:

- CHLA 301U: Chicano/Latino Communities
- CHLA 380U: Latinos in the Economy and Politics
- CHLA 390U: Latinos in the Pacific Northwest

Global Studies (Certificate)

20 credits: 16 upper-division elective credits. Students completing an International Studies major or minor will not be eligible to receive a global studies certificate.

Any of the courses listed below can satisfy a portion of both the upper-division and elective credits of the minor requirements.

Visit the Global Studies Undergraduate (certificate) which fully details the requirements and consult with an advisor.

Courses:

- CR 302U: Intro to Peace Studies
- GEOG 331U: Geography of Globalization
- PHE 444U: Global Health
- USP 317U: Intro to International Community Development