

ASU School of Public Affairs
Major in Urban and Metropolitan Studies

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Urban and Metropolitan students discover what makes the city tick – and the city is their classroom. They **examine** challenges and solutions by researching history, society, culture, economy, and politics in order to **understand** urban theory. They use that knowledge to get involved in their communities, giving them an outlet through which they can **experience** practical ways of solving complex problems faced by metropolitan regions. In the Urban and Metropolitan Studies program, they **learn** how to improve urban health and well-being, often **training** themselves to be the future leaders of our urban environments through studying the role of arts and culture, business and property development, revitalization and community building in the life of the region. Details on the major can be found at <http://spa.asu.edu/ums/>

The School of Public Affairs actively supports Barrett students and is committed to providing them an enriching undergraduate experience. The UMS program supports honors students in the process of carrying out a thesis, and *all core courses* with regular faculty can be taken for honors credit through Honors Contracts including:

URB 300 Introduction to Urban and Metropolitan Studies
URB 305 Urban Governance
URB 220 Introduction to Urban America
URB 240 Urban Policy
URB 301 Urban Research
URB 302 Urban Theory

Questions about honors in the UMS major can be directed to the faculty honors advisor Dr. Joanna Lucio (joanna.lucio@asu.edu).

Opportunities for UMS Barrett Students

Research. The College of Public Programs also commits substantial support to undergraduate research, as detailed at <http://copp.asu.edu/do/students/undergrad-research>. Specifically, COPP students working with COPP faculty for ten hours per week can earn \$500 in their first semester, \$750 in the second, and \$1000 in the third and subsequent semesters. This research experience can lead to ideas for independent study or thesis research.

Speakers/talks. SPA has a formal colloquium series that hosts speakers from around the country and ASU conducting research on Public Affairs. In addition, the school often hosts top scholars from around the world, and students are encouraged to attend their talks.

Public Service/Internships. There are multiple opportunities to serve as a bridge between students and the community and career world. Internships are part of the degree program, and students serve as interns in a variety of government, nonprofit, and private organizations. Service is very much an important part of SPA's culture, and there are multiple opportunities for students to become engaged with their community. Students interested in local government are encouraged to become active in the student chapter of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) where they can network with local government officials as well as participate in service projects.

Honors Thesis/creative project expectations

In order for students to complete a thesis in the field of UMS, whether they major in UMS or not, they must have completed URB 300 Introduction to Urban and Metropolitan Studies. UMS honor students are encouraged to take a graduate level research course (PAF 501 Public Service Research I) as a substitute for PAF 301 or 401 Applied Statistics. Taking PAF 501 will earn students honors credit and help ensure they are prepared to engage in honors thesis-level research on a topic of relevance to the field.

The thesis project is developed with a faculty person who will help guide the student's research. SPA faculty are committed to helping students develop and complete their thesis projects. Projects range from formal research projects to policy white papers. Completing a thesis will help prepare students for graduate level research, and students who pursue a specific creative projects can receive experiences that will help prepare them for a variety of careers.

Honors Faculty

The major boasts high quality faculty who are all willing to work with honors students in a variety of capacities. For a complete list of faculty, please see https://spa.asu.edu/about_us/faculty-staff-directory

Spencer Brien (spencer.brien@asu.edu) **Research areas:** State and local public finance, public financial management and budgeting, policy analysis, transportation policy, human resource management

Thomas Catlaw (thomas.catlaw@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Public administration theory; legitimacy; the social bond; post-structural, psychoanalytic, and critical theories; race, gender, and sexuality; the body; human/animal relations; biopolitics and the implications of emerging technologies for democratic governance; post-sectoral and non-representational forms of governance; community building and participation

Elizabeth Corley (Elizabeth.corley@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Science policy & environmental policy

Nicole Darnall (nicole.darnall@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Sustainable enterprise, environmental policy innovation, stakeholder involvement in environmental governance, voluntary environmental programs and eco-labeling, green consumerism

Chris Herbst (chris.herbst@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Social policy (welfare, child care and tax policy), public economics, applied econometrics

Erik Johnston (erik.johnston@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Policy Informatics, collaborative process management focusing on implementing and sustaining collaborations in civic, business, and academic contexts, applying complex systems methodology and theory using agent based modeling as a complement to traditional quantitative and qualitative research methods

Yushim Kim (ykim@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Public Policy Analysis, Policy Informatics, Health/Welfare Policy

Joanna Lucio (joanna.lucio@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Urban Governance and Policy, Mixed income and affordable housing policy, Diversity, Citizenship

Spiro Maroulis (spiro.maroulis@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Public policy analysis; Policy informatics; Social network analysis; Agent-based modeling; Innovation implementation; Educational policy and entrepreneurship

Daniel Shugurensky (Daniel.shugurensky@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Participatory governance, public engagement, civic learning, educational policy, social economy, community development, participatory budgeting.

Derek Anderson (derrick.anderson@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Public management

Barry Bozeman (bbozeman@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Organization theory, public management, technology management, policy evaluation, higher education policy

Mary Feeney (mkfeeney@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Public and nonprofit management, sector distinctions, science and technology policy, women in science

Eric Welch (ericwelch@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Science and technology policy; genetic resources policy; environment policy; electronic government; R&D evaluation; transportation behavior and management

Linda Williams (linda.m.williams@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Environmental policy, public law, immigration

Lily Hsueh (lily.hsueh@asu.edu) **Research areas:** Environmental and natural resource economics, public policy, political economy, governance, econometrics, mixed methods research design