What can I do with my Major?

URBAN & COMMUNITY STUDIES

UCONN DEPARTMENT: Interdisciplinary
To learn more about this major check out the department website or schedule a meeting with an academic advisor.

NATURE OF WORK
A person in this field examines both the social and economic difficulties facing the United States and the programs and policies designed to resolve them. The focus is on the origin, growth, structure, and demographic characteristics of cities. Students also research the problems that arise from an urban environment. They will gather information on problem trends and suggest solutions to the problems. They will also re-evaluate the existing social/economic programs and policies already in place. This will help public policy makers to develop and implement better programs and will also heighten awareness about issues and initiatives affecting public interest.

Urban & Community Studies prepares graduates with transferable skills and qualities that can be beneficial in a variety of industries and careers.

UCONN RESOURCES
The Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association
Urban Affairs Association
Amnesty International, UConn Chapter
The Chance Club
Creation for Education
4H Vernon Afterschool Program
Community Outreach Office
Community Service Days
Give & Go Program
Holy Family Shelter
MYS Big Friends
MYS COPE
Natchaug After School Tutoring Program
Windham Heights After School Tutorial Program
Windham High School Tutoring

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
American Sociological Association
American Society of Criminology
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
National Association of Social Workers
Society for Applied Sociology
Society for the Study of Social Problems
USA JOBS

Additional organizations (and the most current information) can be found at the UConn Student Activities website.

SAMPLE JOB TITLES
Visit O*Net and conduct an Occupation Quick Search of each job title to learn more about that career path.
Affirmative Action Officer
Anthropologist
Antiquities Archivist
Archaeologist
Archivist
Attorney
Campaign Worker
City Manager
Educational Administrator
Educational Researcher
Family Independence Case Manager
Federal or State Official
Health & Safety Administrator
Historian
Human Resources Specialist
Journalist
Legislative Staff
Librarian
Medicaid Eligibility Specialist
Mutual Health Counselor
Paralegal
Political Scientist
Probation Officer
Public Health Field Worker
Public Health Investigator
Research Analyst
Residential Counselor
School Counselor
School and Youth Campaign-Recruiter
Social Worker
Sociologist
Teacher/Professor
Urban and Regional Planners
Urban Sociologist

A liberal arts and sciences education develops critical thinking, written and oral communication, versatility and problem solving skills, which are valuable in any career and will help students adapt to an ever-changing world.