

URBAN DESIGN, CERTIFICATE

The Certificate in Urban Design is open to students already enrolled at the Weitzman School of Design in Architecture, City Planning, Historic Preservation, Fine Arts, or Landscape Architecture. The pedagogy of Urban Design education at the Weitzman School of Design is interdisciplinary and based on an appreciation of the city as an irreducibly complex socio-political and ecological system. This manifests in the diversity of faculty teaching in the Certificate and in the course content. The curriculum for the Certificate in Urban Design includes courses in the fundamental principles of urban design, how urban design is produced and implemented, the history and theory of urban design, and an interdisciplinary studio emphasizing design as research. The studio investigates important current urban issues either in the U.S. or in an international setting and approaches urbanism through a range of contemporary theoretical and methodological lenses. The studio is considered a capstone educational experience for students coming from the different disciplines in the Weitzman School of Design and students are expected to work collaboratively in the exploratory pursuit of innovation.

Students interested in the Certificate in Urban Design should contact the certificate director for the most up to date information.

For more information: <https://www.design.upenn.edu/all-degrees-certificates/urban-design-certificate> (<https://www.design.upenn.edu/all-degrees-certificates/urban-design-certificate/>)

Curriculum

A total of 5 course units are required to complete the Certificate program.

Code	Title	Course Units
Required Courses ¹		
LARP 6020	Studio IV ²	2
CPLN 6650	Case Studies and Urban Design Explorations	1
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LARP 7100	Implementation of Urban Design	1
LARP 7040	Urban Design Research Studio	2
Total Course Units		5

¹ Substitutions must be approved in writing by the Director and submitted to the Weitzman School of Design Office of Student Services.

² LARP 6020 is a 2 CU course, but only 1 CU from this course is needed towards the certificate requirements. Therefore, with permission, students may be able to use an elective to fulfill this requirement in place of LARP 6020.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.
