Minor in Urban Design for architecture majors

The Minor in Urban Design is an interdisciplinary course of study meant to introduce architecture majors to the discipline of urban design in the context of design applications and tools, critical urban issues, urban histories, theories and practices. The Minor is designed for students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Architecture Degree; a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Architecture; or a Bachelor of Design with a Major in Architecture. Students interested in the Minor should contact the designated Minor Degree Advisor: Patty Heyda, Associate Professor: heyda@wustl.edu

The Urban Design Minor requirements are established according to the following framework, providing:
1. An introduction to local, global or historical contexts and dynamics of urban transformation (foundations);
2. Applied urban analysis and design skills and approaches (studio);
3. Exposure to at least one of the core disciplinary areas shaping urban design knowledge and practice, including sustainability
4. Elective design seminar courses with a focus on a range of contemporary spatial, political, practical, theoretical processes and methods of global urbanism:

Urban Minor Degree candidates are required to complete 18 units* including:

3 units of foundational contexts
A46 307X: Community Building, Building Community (fall) 3 units

6 units of urban design studio:
Arch 312/412 Urban Design + Landscape Systems Studio (spring) 6 units

6 units of advanced urban design electives**
(pick 2 of any A49 UD course offered in a given semester) 6 units

Some suggested/popular A 49 courses are listed here.
A49 430A: Confronting Urbanization / 3 units (spring)
A49 454: Public Space and City Life / 3 units (spring)
A49 528S: Everyday Urbanism: Global and Local Practices/ 3 units (spring)
A49 566A: Informal Cities: The Future of Global Urbanism/ 3 units (fall)

3 units of core disciplinary coursework (pick 1 course from below) 3 units
A49 656: Metropolitan Urbanism / 3 units (fall)
A49 652H: Metropolitan Development / 3 units (fall)
A49 658: Metropolitan Sustainability / 3 units (spring)

total 18 units

*12 units must be in the Minor only and cannot be double-counted toward another major or minor.

**Note: Elective options will vary each semester and each year. Check the A49 UD WU Course Listings for the full list of urban design electives each semester. The UD Advisor can help determine courses that best meet students’ interest areas.

In the event a required course is not offered in a given semester, or if a student has irreconcilable scheduling conflicts with their required Major courses or other Minor courses, appropriate alternate courses may be substituted after discussion with and approval from the Minor Advisor only. Up to 3 credits of the advanced elective category may be substituted with an appropriate class offered outside the Sam Fox School by approval by the Urban Design Minor Advisor only.