

T URB 379: Urban Field Experience

New York: Icon of American Urbanism

Summer 2015, A Term

Few American cities capture the imagination like New York. While perhaps best known for pushing the limits of fashion, finance, and real estate, the city's rich history envelops virtually all of American urbanism's most pressing themes: immigration, industrial transition, suburbanization, gentrification, segregation, affordable housing, security, green urbanism, transportation, etc. This course uses New York as a case study for understanding modern American urbanism. Students will share time between Tacoma and New York as they explore industrial and residential transformations through a focus on gentrification, immigration, race, the built environment, and urban community.

Course Schedule

June 15-19: The first phase of the course, providing a foundation and background for understanding the context of New York City, will take place in the classroom in Tacoma.

June 22-July 1: The second phase of the course will involve **a ten-day excursion to New York City** where students will participate in field excursions, tours, and guest lectures connected to various themes of American urbanism in evidence in the city.

July 8-July 22: The class will return to Tacoma for the final phase of the course to reflect on the field experience and complete final projects.

Cost

This class offers 7 credits during Summer A term. The anticipated cost is tuition for 7 credits and a \$900 travel fee. Expenses not covered include r/t airfare to New York, food expenses while travelling, and other incidentals.



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TO APPLY

Program Application T URB 379: Urban Field Experience New York: Icon of American Urbanism

Submit your responses to the below questions, along with an unofficial copy of your transcript, to Anthony Falit-Baimonte at afb@uw.edu no later than March 9, 2014.

- Please explain your interest in participating in the course *New York: Icon of American Urbanism*
- Please list the Urban Studies and Sustainable Urban Development courses you have taken at UW Tacoma. (If you have not taken any Urban Studies or Sustainable Urban Development courses, please explain how this field experience will further your intellectual development).
- Please discuss one idea/concept/author/reading from one of your Urban Studies/SUD courses that you have found especially interesting and/or important to your intellectual development.
- Field experience courses are unique in that students and faculty travel and spend time together as a group beyond the traditional classroom. Please discuss why you believe you are well suited for this type of experience and how you would expect to contribute to a positive and productive group dynamic.



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