Urban Studies

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Purpose / Programs Supported

The Department of Political Science at Morehouse College is responsible for the college’s Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Studies program. The program established in 1976 is multidisciplinary in nature, and draws together skills and approaches of the various social sciences and other disciplines in order to help students understand urban phenomena in its local, national, and global manifestations.

The program is made up of two concentrations: Urban Planning, and Urban Management. The core curriculum of the program is designed to introduce students to the field and prepare them for advanced work. One of the goals of the program is “to provide service to the city of Atlanta and the State of Georgia by translating and applying urban studies training to the solution of specific community problems…”

Clark Atlanta University offers courses such as Introduction to Urban Planning (PSC309), Seminar in Urban Problems (CPSC 518), and Political Demography and Urban Change (CPSC 525) in its Political Science program. Career opportunities in Public Studies include community organization, economic development, housing administration, journalism, public administration, and urban planning.

Guidelines for Collection Development and Management

Languages

Library resources in English Language are collected, original or translations. Patrons who need resources in other languages have access to interlibrary loan service and interlibrary-use card.
Chronological Coverage

Current materials are collected. Earlier historical documents may be collected when they are appropriate to research and study in the development of Urban Studies.

Geographical Coverage

Geographical coverage is not limited. Valuable resources on the history, theories, activities of urban planning and urban management, trends in urbanism, influences of technical and social change, problems common to urban centers, migration patterns and associated public policy are collected. Preference is given to Atlanta and State of Georgia in some cases.

Scope

The collection covers all aspects of urban studies: history, theories, activities of urban planning and urban management, trends in urbanism, influences of technical and social change, problems common to urban centers, migration patterns and associated public policy.

Types of Materials / Formats Collected

Monographs, academic journals, databases are collected. Resources that are available in electronic formats are preferred. Relevant databases include Academic Search Complete, eBook Collection, Georgia Census Data Map, Georgia Government Publications, JSTOR, and ProQuest Research Library.

Strengths / Weaknesses

Students and faculty have access to both online and print Urban Studies resources, and relevant resources in Political Science, History, Public Administration, Sociology, etc. Members of faculty are given the opportunity to recommend books, journals and electronic databases. Students and faculty are able to select electronic books appropriate to the urban studies curriculum through the Demand Driven Acquisitions model.

Special Considerations / Textbook Collection Dev. Policy

RWWL does not buy course textbooks: print or electronic or teachers’ edition. However, subject librarian will work with teaching faculty and students to identify resources that meet the needs of their classes.

The Library acquires monographic works authored by the AUC Urban Studies faculties preferably through donation. This includes works in all media normally collected by the Library.

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