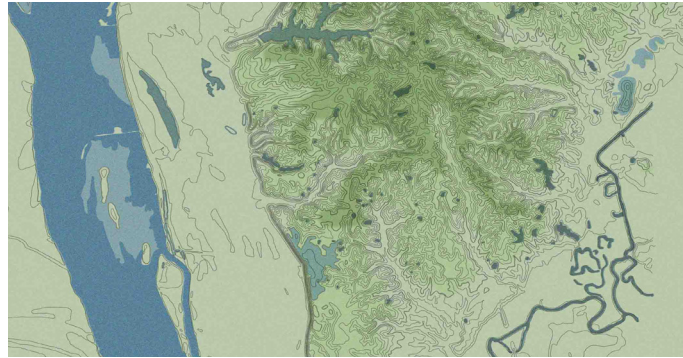


Dream of a City

The Urban Studies program is coordinated by the Department of City and Regional Planning, whose faculty is known for offering students opportunities to engage in addressing local challenges with community partners. City and Regional Planning faculty have worked with community partners to:

- Develop the Memphis Slim Collaboratory, a music based community resource center that is central to arts-based revitalization effort in the Soulsville neighborhood
- Develop the South Memphis Farmers Market and the Green Machine, a converted MATA bus that serves as a mobile farmers market to bring healthy food options to food desert neighborhoods.
- Develop the West Memphis Eco-Park, a planned interactive and sustainable green amenity west of the Mississippi River at the end of the Big River Crossing project.

The Department of City and Regional Planning also hosts an annual summer study abroad exchange with community partners in Sicily, Italy.



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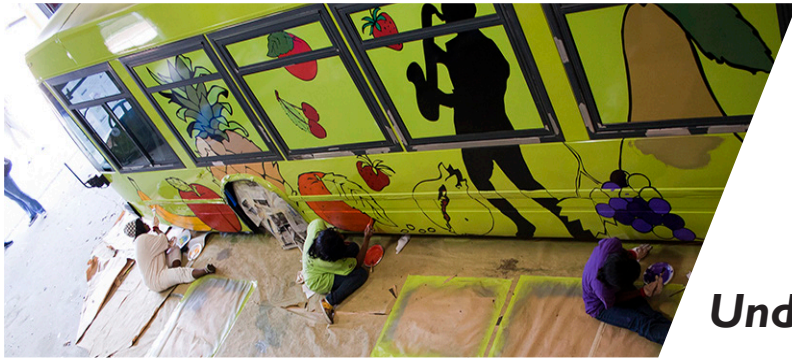
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Cities are complex. Cities are paradoxical.

They generate promise, ideas and innovation. Yet they also host inequity, conflict, and poverty. Cities make us feel alive with opportunity, and also make acutely aware that we can do better by one another. Urban growth is both the cause of environmental degradation and the path to a sustainable future.

The Urban Studies concentration unpacks these paradoxes and touches on the wide range of social issues tied to cities and urban development. Whether you are interested in challenges of poverty, economic development, sustainability, housing, arts and culture, urban design, or food systems, the Urban Studies concentration has something for you.

Learn how cities grow, thrive, and decline, and how their development can guide them to being meaningful, inclusive, secure, and sustainable places.



“Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody.”

— Jane Jacobs, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*

Understanding cities requires an interdisciplinary perspective.

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...is to educate the next generation of inspired urban planners and scholars, conduct research that influences planning policy and knowledge, and engage with partners in innovative local planning efforts.