Applications should include a personal statement of educational goals. See the Admissions section for additional information. See the Office of Admission Transfer Guide (https://admissions.uic.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-requirements-deadlines/transfer-requirements/transfer) for more information about transfer admission requirements.

Grade Point Average
A student must earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.00/4.00 in all work taken at UIC and a cumulative grade point average of 2.50/4.00 in all required courses and electives for the BA in Urban Studies. In addition, the combined average of a student’s transfer work and work taken at UIC must be at least 2.00.

Minor in Geographic Information Systems
The Minor in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) provides students in many disciplines the opportunity to gain further understanding of basic GIS concepts and mapmaking techniques relevant to all disciplines. The minor is open to students from any college or major with sophomore standing who are not on academic probation. Please note that students in the Urban Studies program are eligible to earn the Minor in GIS; however, they cannot apply courses used to fulfill selective requirements for the major towards the minor in GIS. Students may apply credits from courses taken prior to application to the minor. Students who wish to earn the Minor in GIS shall notify the department in writing on the form posted on the UPP website at http://upp.uic.edu. A GPA of 2.50/4.00 is required in courses taken towards the minor.

Minor in Sustainable Cities
The Minor in Sustainable Cities provides students in many disciplines the opportunity to gain further understanding of the field of urban sustainability while introducing them to concepts and techniques relevant to all disciplines. The minor is open to students from any college or major with sophomore standing who are not on academic probation. Students may apply credit hours from courses taken prior to application to the minor. Students who wish to earn the minor shall notify the department in writing on the form posted on the UPP website at http://upp.uic.edu. A GPA of 2.50/4.00 is required in courses taken towards the minor.

Minor in Urban Studies
The minor in Urban Studies provides students in many disciplines the opportunity to gain further understanding of urban phenomena, the complex interactions between local and global forces, and the needs and opportunities of Chicago and other “Great Cities” historically, in the present, and moving forward. The minor is open to students from any college or major with sophomore standing who are not on academic probation. Students may apply credits from courses taken prior to application to the minor. At least 6 credits of the minor, including one elective, must be at the 200-level or higher. Students who wish to minor in Urban Studies shall notify the department in writing on the form posted on the UPP website at http://upp.uic.edu. A GPA of 2.50/4.00 is required in courses taken towards the minor.

Admission Requirements
New freshmen or transfer students interested in admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies must complete the standard application process to the university and be admitted by the Department of Urban Planning and Policy, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. Admission is competitive, and preference is given to those applicants selected to have the best potential for academic success.

Transfer students who have completed a minimum of 24 semester or 36 quarter hours of transferable college classroom credit by the time of application, and do not meet the definition of an incoming freshman or a readmission applicant may apply to transfer into the program.
Degree Program

- BA in Urban Studies (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/urban-planning-public-affairs/upp/ba)

Minors

- Minor in Sustainable Cities (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/urban-planning-public-affairs/upp/minor-sc)