

Program Curriculum: Learning Outcomes

Program: Urban Studies Degree Awarded: BA

Division: Eugene Lang College & NSPE

By the successful completion of this program, a student should be able to demonstrate:

1. *Writing and Communication Skills:* We expect every program graduate to have developed and honed effective communication skills and be able to present ideas, concepts, and thoughts coherently and skillfully both verbally and in writing across different media.

2. *Critical Literacy Skills:* Considering the strong emphasis of our program on social justice, civic engagement, and community activism, we expect students to critically engage in social research with attention to difference, bias, positionality, and power relations that impede social justice.

3. *Data Visualization Skills:* We expect graduates to have developed appropriate skills to properly visualize data, concepts, and urban information including mastery in developing convincing maps, tables, graphs, and other visual information;

4. *Qualitative Research and Analysis Skills:* Given the New School's known emphasis on qualitative research, we expect students to develop expertise in ethnography and qualitative field research with particular emphasis on ethics, positionality, and the political nature of qualitative, community based research;

5. *Quantitative Research and Analysis Skills:* Considering the power of numbers, we expect students to develop fundamental quantitative data acquisition and analysis skills alongside a critical understanding of positivism and the uses and abuses of numerical evidence in academic and popular discourses;