LPSC 5201 - Law and the City
Examines key legal structures, court decisions, and social research to consider the ability of cities to make and implement public policies that directly affect the everyday lives of millions of people. American cities and their residents are frequently faced with similar legal and political questions. Topics include federalism, land-use planning and development, business regulation, gun control, school choice, public health, and climate adaptation initiatives.
MEETING TIMES: Thursdays, 5:15 p.m. to 8:35 p.m.
CRN: 15731
PROFESSOR: Michael Gleba

PPUA 5266 - Urban Theory and Science
Studies the evolution of urban science, looking at some seminal theories that seeded the field and the subsequent work they inspired, including the methodologies developed to examine them. For over a century, social scientists and policymakers have sought to better understand cities, asking important theoretical questions, such as: What is a neighborhood? How does a city grow? What is a city in the first place? Culminates in an examination of urban science in the digital age, exploring how modern technological trends, including "big data," are posing new questions and offering new ways to answer them.
CRN: 13836
Online

PPUA 5238 - Climate Change and Global Urbanization
Focuses on the climate-change-related challenges that confront rapidly urbanizing countries, particularly the low- and middle-income countries of Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Many of the largest and most rapidly growing cities in these regions are in low-lying coastal cities in river deltas and, consequently, face significant dangers of flooding and eventual inundation. Climate change also has implications for access to freshwater and for the incidence of heat waves. The impacts of climate-change-related hazards tend to fall most heavily on the poorest, raising new issues of social inequality. This course examines concepts of urban vulnerability and resilience and climate change adaptation, as well as case studies of policy approaches for addressing the impacts of climate change on cities.
MEETING TIMES: Thursdays, 4:15 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.
CRN: TBD
PROFESSOR: Gavin Shatkin

PPUA 6201 - The 21st Century City
Offers multidisciplinary examination of the wonders and challenges of urban life, focusing on current dynamics of urban location and prosperity in the context of a global economy. Examines forces that shaped the evolution of cities and metropolitan regions; assesses a range of policy issues confronting metro areas today and the respective roles played by public and private sectors in addressing those challenges; explores global forces that are transforming cities and regions throughout the world; and addresses key questions of urban well-being, civility, and civic engagement.
MEETING TIMES: Wednesdays, 4:45 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.
CRN: 10702
PROFESSOR: Joan Fitzgerald

PPUA 7249 - Urban Coastal Sustainability
Focuses on the challenges facing coastal cities and the ecosystems on which they depend by exploring both threats such as climate change as well as adaptation measures that promote resilience. Aimed at students interested in the interface of science and public policy and those who wish to gain a deeper understanding of how coupled human-natural ecosystems operate.
MEETING TIMES: Wednesdays, 4:45 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.
CRN: 18074
PROFESSOR: Brian Helmuth