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### **WORLD CITIES MINOR (WOC)**

This interdisciplinary and inter-departmental undergraduate minor is geared toward students who are living and studying in a complex world city such as Houston. The minor encourages students to critically explore cities of the world from different geographical, chronological and disciplinary perspectives in an effort to help them develop analytical tools for understanding complex urban phenomena. Students pursuing this undergraduate minor will be encouraged to keep in mind graduate programs at UH (and beyond) that deepen the skill-set offered by the World Cities minor.

The minor will be administered through the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture:

1) Complete 15 hours (9 hrs must be advanced hrs and 6 hrs must be taken in residence) of designated courses including:

- a) ONE foundation course: ARCH 3349 Urban Expectations
- b) FOUR additional courses selected from the approved list for the minor, which will include mostly existing undergraduate courses, selected graduate courses taken for undergraduate credit, independent study, and newly designed courses approved by steering committee
- c) No more than ONE independent study can be applied to the minor
- d) Course selection must reflect a broad geographic and disciplinary distribution. No more than TWO courses from any one discipline.

- e) A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better is required in those courses completed for the minor

Current offerings (already in the undergraduate catalogue):

ARCH 3350 Architecture, Art, and Politics  
ARCH 4397 Modernity and Its Discontents: Architecture, Urbanism, and Design  
ARCH 4373 Urban Environments  
ARCH 4397 Writing, Architecture, and the City  
ARCH 4375 Capitalism, Architecture and the City  
CLAS 4305 Fifth-Century Athens: Readings in Intellectual, Literacy, and Political History  
CHNS 3360 A Look at China  
ECON 4377 Urban Economics  
FREN 3362 Paris and Berlin since 1800  
GERM 3362 Paris and Berlin since 1800  
HIST 3319 Urban History of the United States  
HIST 3327 Houston Since 1836  
HIST 6389 American Urban History  
WCL 2352 World Cinema  
WCL 3376 Visual Stories  
WCL 3371 Cities in Film & Arts