As the world becomes increasingly urban in character, there is a growing interest in urban studies. The field looks at critical issues of urban and regional growth and change, as well as environmental and social balance. In Urban Studies classes students will learn about how to create economically vibrant neighborhoods and regions, affordable housing for all community members, sustainable and efficient transportation systems for people and goods, parks and public spaces that support community social life, efficient utilities, and human settlement patterns that reduce the toll we place on the natural environment.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR URBAN STUDIES MINORS
Career opportunities in urban studies exist in city, county, regional, state and national government, private consulting firms, non-profit organizations, and research and academic institutions.

Students with a minor in urban studies are well positioned to move into careers in a wide variety of fields including urban planning, public policy, civil engineering, environmental policy, economic consulting, architecture, and real-estate development.

OBJECTIVES OF THE URBAN STUDIES MINOR
The Department of Urban and Regional Planning offers study leading to the undergraduate Minor in Urban Studies. This professionally oriented program is designed to:

1. Familiarize students with the social, economic, political, and physical aspects of the major urban issues of our time.
2. Introduce students to the basic professional skills and strategies used to improve the urban environment.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR IN URBAN STUDIES
The program leading to the undergraduate Minor in Urban Studies consists of 14 semester units. There are two required courses: URBP 101: The City and URBP 136: Introduction to Land Use and Facilities Planning. In addition, students must take a 4-unit elective from approved Urban and Regional Planning courses and a 3-unit elective from approved courses in other departments.

For more detail about the course requirements, and to apply for the Urban Studies minor, see http://www.sjsu.edu/urbanplanning/programs/minorurbanstudies/index.html