The Urban and Social Policy (USP) concentration is an interdisciplinary program that provides students with the content knowledge, critical thinking and analytic skills needed for a successful career in urban and/or social policy, while offering students the flexibility to specialize in policy focus areas that fit their own unique academic and professional interests.

The Urban and Social Policy Concentration offers two focus areas:

- Urban Policy
- Social Policy

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The Urban and Social Policy Concentration offers two focus areas: 1) Urban Policy and 2) Social Policy. Students should take one core course in the chosen focus area (3 credits) and four elective courses in chosen focus area (12 credits).

Please note: 1) Courses used to fulfill the MIA/MPA core requirements may not be double counted toward the concentration. 2) Students may double count up to two specialization courses. 3) USP short courses (1.5 credits) may count toward your elective requirement. 4) A second USP core course can count towards your elective requirement.

Urban Policy Focus Area

Social Policy Focus Area

Degree Audit Report
Matriculated students in this program can view their degree audit report on Stellic.