The Urban Humanities offers an innovative cross-disciplinary curriculum that bridges design, urban studies, and the humanities, leading to a Graduate Certificate in Urban Humanities to complement your primary degree program. Students explore new research methodologies for critical and humanistic urban analysis along with representational techniques that foreground new forms and modes of inquiry for reimagining the city.

The program begins with a required Urban Humanities seminar in the Fall, followed by a series of short research methods workshops, and culminates with a Spring capstone research project selected from those offered by UH mentor faculty. The UH program’s core research agenda is spatial justice with all its ramifications in contexts that range from gentrification and environmental impact to public arts and open spaces. Through innovative methods workshops, students will be prepared for the advanced, multidisciplinary capstones that involve deep collaborations with faculty, community, and peers. Capstones will encompass a range of topics and geographies, undertaken by small groups with mentors from across the UCLA faculty. Assuming travel restrictions are lifted, various student groups will be funded for travel to conduct urban studies in Tijuana, the border region, Mexico City, and beyond.

A principal capstone will engage the Westlake/MacArthur Park neighborhood, which we see as an intense microcosm of the complex historical, cultural, socio-economic, and immigration forces affecting urban life more broadly. Urban Humanities seeks to create new narratives and collectivities that contribute to building a more just city.

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