Each year, the Certificate Program in Urban Studies awards prize(s) to one or more senior theses that make an outstanding contribution to this interdisciplinary area of study and is based on each student's creative ability, persuasiveness and systematic way of doing research. Nominations for this prize are made by students’ home departments across the University.

2014 Winner:

Ozlem Cebeci  
Department of Anthropology  
“From Non-Places to Places: Neoliberalizing Istanbul, Taksim Gezi Protests, and Reflections on the Right to the City”  
Advisor: Isabelle Clark-Decès, Anthropology

The following theses received honorable mention:

Cara Eckholm  
Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs  
“Monument Wars”  
Advisor: Stan Katz, Woodrow Wilson School

Nagakura Kunihiko  
Department of Computer Science  
“Lost in Ubiquity: Kinect and the Aesthetics of Urban Public Spaces”  Advisor: Janet Vertesi

Alisa Tiwari  
Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs  
“Watch Where You Walk: An Evaluation of Stop and Frisk in New York City”  
Advisor: Alison Isenberg, History

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