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.

2015 Winner:

Michael “Misha” Semenov  
Department of Architecture  
"Playing by the Rules: Examining the Interactions of Rules with Built Form in Five Seminal American Housing Projects"  
Advisors: Stan Allen, Architecture; Alison Isenberg, History

The following thesis received honorable mention:

Daphnée A. Warren  
Department of Sociology  
"Confronting the Hidden America: What the Shooting of Mike Brown Reveals About American Society"  
Advisors: Kim L. Scheppelle, Woodrow Wilson School; Patricia Fernandez-Kelly, Sociology

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