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GPH 3130

Introductory Urban Geography

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T-Th 10:30am-12:10pm, 201 Kresge

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Thursday, 4:00-5:00pm,
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Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course students will be expected to have developed:

- critical understanding of how cities in different parts of the world developed and how they are arranged physically, politically, economically, and socially
- understanding of how cities function internally and in the larger world context
- understanding of how cities grow and change
- knowledge of competing theories of city formation and organization
- awareness of how space and place matter in city formation and operation

Course Materials

Knox, Paul L. and Linda McCarthy. *Urbanization: An Introduction to Urban Geography, Third Edition*. Boston: Pearson 2012.

LeGates, Richard T. and Frederic Stout. *The City Reader, Fifth or Sixth Edition*. London: Routledge.

Other readings will be available on Blackboard.

Course Requirements:

Quizzes	20%
Midterm Exam	15%
Two Response Papers	20%
Final Exam	15%
Group project	20%
Attendance and Participation	10%

Critical Response Papers

Each student will be required to turn in two critical reading response papers. You will sign up for the due dates at the beginning of the semester. Papers should be about 4 pages, double-spaced. More details will be provided in class.

Quizzes

There will be daily in-class quizzes over the day's readings and the previous class's lecture. Ten randomly selected quizzes will count toward your quiz grade.

Individual City Project

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Each student will become an expert on a city over the course of the semester. You will conduct research and present on your findings in class. More details will be provided in class.

Communications

I will do my best to answer emails by the next “business day.” Office hours are an even better way to get questions answered!

Disability

If you have a documented disability that requires accommodations, you will need to register with Student Disability Services for coordination of your academic accommodations. The Student Disability Services (SDS) office is located at 1600 David Adamany Undergraduate Library in the Student Academic Success Services department. SDS telephone number is 313-577-1851 or 313-577-3365 (TTY). Once you have your accommodations in place, I will be glad to meet with you privately during my office hours to discuss your special needs.

Accommodations cannot be retroactively applied so please make arrangements as soon as possible.

Course Policies on Academic Dishonesty

Plagiarism or other cheating, either from the internet, a classmate, or another source, will result in, at minimum, an F on the assignment. Depending on the severity of the situation, you may receive an F for the entire course. If you are not sure whether something you’re doing is plagiarism or not, come and talk to me *before* turning it in—no questions asked.

COURSE OUTLINE

Date	Topic	Readings
January 10	Welcome and course introduction, what is urban geography?	Knox, Chapter 1
January 12	The urban impulse/Early cities	Knox, Chapter 2, pp 19-39; Kostof (Bb), Childe; Introduction to Part 1; Davis (City Reader and Bb)
January 17	Origins of European cities	
January 19	The industrial transformation of cities	Knox, Chapter 2, pp. 39-45; Engels (CR)
January 24	Origins of North American cities	Knox, Chapter 3
January 26	Origins of N.American cities, continued	Cronon (Bb)
January 31	Cities of “Late Capitalism”	Knox, Chapter 4; Harvey (CR), Putnam (CR)
February 2	Origins of cities in less developed countries	Knox, Chapter 5; Marco Polo, etc (Bb); Packer (Bb)
February 7	Urban form and land use in less developed countries	Knox, Chapter 6; Wu and Gaubatz (Bb); Chan & Wang (Bb); Chandavarkar (Bb)
February 9	Urban form and land use in less developed countries, part II	Low (Bb)
February 14	Guest lecture, Dr. Jennifer Hart: Transportation in African cities	2 articles by Hart (Bb)
February 16	Urban problems and responses in less	Knox, Chapter 7

	developed countries	
February 21	How cities grow and change, part 1: how development happens.	Knox, Chapter 8; Molotch (CR),
February 23	How cities grow and change, part 2: neighborhood change	Knox, Chapter 9; Florida (CR), Wilson (CR) Porter (CR)
February 28	Midterm exam	
March 2	City politics	Knox, Chapter 10; Bryce, etc. (CR), Novy & Colomb (Bb)
March 7	Guest lecture, Ms. Jennifer Tucker: Pilgrimages of Care: Mapping Ecologies of Caregiving, Mobility, and Aging in Community in Post-Chavez Venezuela	TBA
March 9	How urban planning shapes geography	Knox, Chapter 11; Hall (CR); Kaiser & Godschalk (CR)
March 14-16	Spring Break	
March 21	Guest lecture, Dr. Sarah Rominski: Health and development issues in African cities	Read UNHABITAT in CR. Visit http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/ and read pp. 1-9 (overview) of 2015 MDG Gap Task Force Report;
March 23	Guest lecture, Dr. Neha Sami: New city development in India	See week 11b folder on Bb
March 28	The social life of cities	Knox, Chapter 12; M. Davis (CR); Spain (CR), Starritt
March 30	First group presentations	Catch up!
April 4	Shrinking cities	Ryan (Bb); Herscher (Bb)
April 6	Guest lecture, Mr. Patrick Cooper-McCann: Current issues in declining cities	Dewar et al. (Bb) Cooper-McCann (Bb)
April 11	Second group presentations	Catch up!
April 13	Living in the city	Knox, Chapter 14; Simmel (Bb)
April 18	Guest lecture, Dr. Robin Boyle: The globalizing city: immigration, assimilation, multiculturalism	TBA
April 20	The future of cities/course review	Brenner and Keil (CR); Sassen (CR); Buruma & Margalit (Bb), Glaeser (CR)
April 27	FINAL EXAM 10:15-12:15	

Guest Lecturers

Dr. Robin Boyle, Professor, Urban Studies and Planning, Wayne State University

Mr. Patrick Cooper-McCann, Ph.D. Candidate, Urban Planning, University of Michigan

Dr. Jennifer Hart, Assistant Professor, History, Wayne State

Dr. Sarah Rominski, Research Associate, Global REACH

Dr. Neha Sami, Consultant, Indian Institute for Human Settlements

Ms. Jennifer Tucker, Ph.D. Candidate, Anthropology and Social Work, University of Michigan