

Effective Semester: Spring 2024

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: Urban Geography

Course Number: GEOG 206

Credits: 3

Total Weeks: 14 (Fall, Spring)
12 (Summer)

Total Hours: 39

Course Level: First Year Second Year
 New Revised Course
 Replacement Course

Department: Humanities

Department Head: P. Best

Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable): N/A

Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE): Minimum of 3 social science and/or arts courses

Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE): NONE

Precluded Courses: N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course students will be introduced to the geography of human settlements with a specific focus on urban areas. Attention will be devoted to their origin and development; their impacts on the landscape; their role in human culture and current driving forces, problems, and prospects. Throughout much of the course, Vancouver resources and examples will be used to illustrate many of the themes.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- account for the dynamic history of urbanization, from the rise of civilization to the emergence of world cities
- describe the methods urban geographers use and distinguish among the competing interpretations of urban investigation they are premised upon
- identify and discuss a broad variety of core issues emphasized within the urban geography tradition
- provide insight into spatial processes of urban change such as urban planning, urban decay, intra-urban migration, and so on
- discuss urban life through a variety of lenses, including the economic, the social, and the environmental compare and contrast urban issues between more- and less-developed countries
- demonstrate an awareness of contemporary urban issues as articulated within the context of globalization

INSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other (<i>specify</i>):	
Total	39

Grading System: Letter Grades Percentage Pass/Fail Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Other

Specify passing grade: 50%

Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 20% <i>Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments:</i> Compositions	Lab Work: %	Participation: % <i>Specify nature of participation:</i>	Project: 20% <i>Specify nature of project:</i>
Quizzes/Test: 10%	Midterm Exam: 20%	Final Exam: 30%	Other: % <i>Specify:</i>

TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

Holloway, S. & Kaplan, D. H. (2014). Urban Geography. 3rd ed. Wiley.
 Jonas, A. E.G., et. al. (2015). Urban Geography: A Critical Introduction. Wiley-Blackwell.
 Pacione, M. (2009). Urban Geography: A Global Perspective. 3rd ed. Routledge.
 Knox, P. & Pinch, S. (2009). Urban Social Geography: An Introduction. 6th ed. Routledge.
 Moos, M., et. al. (2020). Canadian Cities in Transition: Understanding Contemporary Urbanism. 6th ed. Oxford.
 Relph, E. C. (2008). Place and Placelessness. Sage Publishing.
 Tuan, Y. (1990). Topophilia: A Study of Environmental Perceptions, Attitudes, and Values. Columbia University Press.
 Jacobs, J. (1992). The Death and Life of Great American Cities. Vintage.
 Harvey, D. (2009). Social Justice and the City. University of Georgia Press.
 Davis, M. (2006). City of Quartz: Excavating the Future in Los Angeles. Verso.
 Davis, M. (2007). Planet of Slums. Verso.
 Ley, D. (2011). Millionaire Migrants: Trans-Pacific Life Lines. Wiley-Blackwell.
 Marcuse, H. (2016). In Defense of Housing: The Politics of Crisis. Verso.

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic
Week 1	A Sense of Place: Experiencing Cities
Week 2	The Urban Revolution and the Origins of 'Civilization'
Week 3	Understanding Cities: Schools of Thought and Theories of the Urban
Week 4	Beacons of Empire: Colonial Cities
Week 5	From Industrialization to Mass Migration: Urbanizing the Hinterlands
Week 6	Suburban Worlds: Edge Cities, Ethnoburbs, and Boomburbs
Week 7	The Urban Question: Homelessness, Gentrification, and the Right to the City

MIDTERM EXAM

Week 8	Spaces of Exclusion: From Ghettos to Gated Communities
Week 9	Nature and Environment in Cities
Week 10	Planet of Slums: Urbanization in Less-Developed Countries
Week 11	World Cities
Week 12	Real Estate in a Global Order
Week 13	Hypothetical Civilizations: Cities in the Future
Week 14	FINAL EXAM

NOTES

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: bctransferguide.ca

Last Reviewed: October 12, 2023

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