

Cities of the World

URP 3001 – Sections: 4450, 5365, 6995, 7004

Class Meeting Place: <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/>

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Course Introduction

This course will introduce students to the concepts of the urbanization process, its related problems and ways that have been used to combat these problems, given that the majority of the World's population now lives in urban areas. Comparative case studies of contemporary cities in the U.S. and in countries abroad—both industrialized and developing—will be used to illustrate major concepts and issues in urban and regional planning as they have been applied to the cities of the world. Students will be exposed to the social, economic, environmental, structural, demographic, legal, cultural and political problems that cities have faced, currently face, and will continue to face.

This course fulfills the following General Education requirements: International Studies and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Course Objectives

This course will provide students with:

- An overview of the concept of urbanization in a local, regional and global setting;
- Knowledge of the forces that generate this process;
- Knowledge of the effects of urbanization upon the characteristics of existing urban areas and their physical landscapes;
- An appreciation of the factors which are responsible for the socio-economic characteristics of cities;
- An awareness and appreciation of and for the decision-making challenges created by the process of urbanization;
- Knowledge of the attempts to provide solutions to existing problems.

Materials

The required materials for the course are:

- Cities of the World: World Regional Urban Development. 5th Edition (2012). Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc. Stanley D. Brunn, Donald J. Zeigler, Ellen R. White, and Maureen Hays-Mitchell
 - ISBN-10: 1442212845
 - ISBN-13: 9781442212848
- Access to E-Learning Website: <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/>

Course Overview

This course is based on lectures, quizzes, and discussion of current affairs, viewing of multi-media materials, group assignments and additional student research. The online format will combine discussions, lectures, multi-media activities, and electronic communications and assignments.

Student Expectations

Lectures will be interspersed with activities that will help students understand the evolution of the world's cities in relation to how these cities will fare with the onset of foreseeable and unforeseeable future conditions. These activities have been assimilated into the course content to take a holistic approach to studying the cities of the world. In addition to the assigned individual and group tasks, this course depends on student participation to constantly update the course material. The cities of the world are in constant flux, making it imperative to tune into current affairs as they become relevant in a particular region of the world. All students are expected to participate in all the activities planned for the course.

Students will also be expected:

- to read the required text in a timely fashion
- to finish assignments by the scheduled deadline
- to participate in peer grading with integrity
- to list references and credits for all materials used in group assignments

- to follow guidelines concerning computer use and web etiquette
- to abide by University of Florida's rules and regulations, including the Student Honor Code.

Grading

Grades will be based on evidence that students have completed assigned reading, participated actively in all discussion posts, completed weekly interactive assignments, submitted peer-evaluations when required, and participated in one group assignment throughout the course of the semester. All assignments will be submitted on-line. All completed tasks will be evaluated based on relevance, content, and creativity. **You cannot accumulate more than 1000 points for this course.**

- Trip Around the World: Throughout the course of the semester you will plan a trip around the world utilizing Google Maps. You are responsible for keeping a running log of this journey through a map you create using Google Maps. You must keep up with this on a weekly basis, adding cities from the respective modules each week, but **this will not be submitted through E-Learning until Module 15.** *Please note that your grade will not be assigned until the final module.*
Trip Around the World must be submitted by 11:55 pm on the respective due date.
- Google Map Assessment: Each module you will be quizzed over the cities outlined in the text and lectures through a map assessment.
Google Map Assessment must be submitted by 11:55 pm on the respective due date.
- Discussion Posts: Each module you will participate in a discussion with assigned group members. The discussion posts will be centered on a recent National Public Radio (NPR) clip that is relevant to the module's region of the world that you will view and/or listen to prior to submitting your discussion posts. You will be graded on your level of participation *and* quality of contribution to the discussion. Minimum 200 words per Post.
Discussion Posts must be submitted by 11:55 pm on the respective due date.
- Word Seek: You will enhance your knowledge on current events relevant to each region of the world by submitting a website each week that relates a key word or phrase as it applies to a city located within the module's geographic region (Please see Word Seek Instructions for specific guidelines concerning appropriate web links).
Word Seek must be submitted by 11:55 pm on the respective due date.
- Module Quiz: Each module you will be quizzed over the assigned chapter in the text by a ten-question online quiz. The module quizzes will be posted in the Assessments tab of the e-learning site. **Module Quizzes must be submitted by 11:55 pm on the respective due date.**
- Group Project: You will be assigned to one group that will complete one group project throughout the course of the semester. You will be graded on (1) your successful completion of this task and (2) an assessment of your performance by your fellow group members. *Groups will be assigned after Add/Drop is over and will be announced by the course instructor.*
Group Projects must be submitted by 11:55 pm on the respective due date.
- Peer Evaluation: As mentioned in the Group Project grading criteria, your grade in this course will rely somewhat upon peer evaluation. *Students that receive a score of zero on participation from all group members will not receive credit for the group project.*
Group Member Peer Evaluations must be submitted at the same time as your group project link. Late evaluations will not be accepted and will result in 0/50 points.
- Group Project Assessment: Each group will submit 5 T/F and/or multiple choice questions related to their project that will be assigned as a quiz for the rest of the class. All students in the course must complete the group project assessment for modules (Modules 4, 5, 7-14).
The 5 Group Project Assessment questions must be submitted with your group's project link. Group Project Assessments must be submitted BY THE ENTIRE CLASS by 11:55 pm on the respective due date.

- **Exams:** There will be three exams given during the course of the semester, each covering materials from lectures, interactive assignments, discussion posts, group assignments and readings. Each exam will be worth 100 points and will focus mostly on material covered since the previous exam. The three exams will be given using the following question types: multiple choice, true/false and matching relationships. Exams will be given online for a 24-hour period on the designated date and you will need to allot 1 hour to complete the exam.

Exam 1: Monday, February 11, 2013 12:00 am – 11:55 pm (covering Module 2-5)

Exam 2: Monday, March 18, 2013 12:00 am – 11:55 pm (covering Module 7-10)

Exam 3: Monday, April 22, 2013 12:00 am – 11:55 pm (covering Module 11-15)

Point Distribution

There are **1000 possible points** for this course:

Date	Module	Google Map Assessment 5 pts / Module	Trip Around the World 40 pts (week 15)	Discussion Post Completion 10 pts / Module	Word Seek 5 pts / Module	Group Project Completion 150 pts	Group Project Member Evaluation 50 pts	Group Project Assessment 5 pts / Module	Module Quiz 10 pts / Module	Exam 1 100 pts	Exam 2 100 pts	Exam 3 100 pts	Total Points Per Module
08.22.12	1								10				10
08.27.12	2	5		10	5				10				30
09.03.12	3	5		10	5			5	10				35
09.10.12	4	5		10	5			5	10				35
09.17.12	5	5		10	5			5	10				35
09.24.12	EXAM									100			100
10.01.12	7	5		10	5			5	10				35
10.08.12	8	5		10	5			5	10				35
10.15.12	9	5		10	5			5	10				35
10.22.12	10	5		10	5			5	10				35
10.29.12	EXAM										100		100
10.29.12	11	5		10	5			5	10				35
11.05.12	12	5		10	5			5	10				35
11.12.12	13	5		10	5			5	10				35
11.19.12	14	5		10	5			5	10				35
11.26.12	15	5		10	5			5	10				35
12.03.12	EXAM											100	100
Ongoing	-		40			150	50						240
Total Points		65	40	130	65	150	50	60	140	100	100	100	1000
Percentage		6.5%	4%	13%	6.5%	15%	5%	6%	14%	10%	10%	10%	100%

There are no points allocated for the gray boxes.

Adding up earned points will determine the final grade as follows:

- 930 – 1000 points A
- 900 – 929 points A-
- 870 – 899 points B+
- 830 – 869 points B
- 800 – 829 points B-
- 770 – 799 points C+
- 730 – 769 points C
- 700 – 729 points C-
- 670 – 699 points D+
- 630 – 669 points D
- 600 – 629 points D-
- 0 – 599 points F

Extra Credit Opportunities

Extra credit is intended to compensate only for INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENTS that you were not able to complete or did not perform to your expectations. **Extra credit will not substitute for your participation in group assignments. You have multiple opportunities to earn extra credit for a MAXIMUM of 30 points this semester.**

- 10 points will be awarded each module to the first five students who correctly guess the city and country of Albert. Albert will be posted in the Announcements section of the course e-learning site in his favorite city of the week at a RANDOM time. Be sure to log into E-Learning frequently to see if you can catch him!
- 2 points will be available each module to those students who submit a web link pertinent to a current affair involving the region of the world discussed that week.

Make-Up Policy

No late work will be accepted. Computer problems that arise during submission will not be accepted as an excuse for late work. All work must be completed and submitted by the designated time in E-Learning or you will not receive credit for the assignment.

This is a fast-paced course. In the event that you do not get your work in on time, no matter what the circumstances, it is up to the Course Instructor's discretion to consider the appropriateness of make-up opportunities. These will be decided on a case-by-case basis, based on the date and time of the event that has caused you to miss a due date. However, you WILL NOT be allowed to make up timed assessments if you miss the availability period (these include Module Quizzes, Google Map Assessments, Group Project Assessments, and Exams).

Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

Students requesting accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation and assistance with providing reasonable accommodation. The Course Instructor reserves the right to require 5 business days to begin administering accommodations. It is in your best interest to advise the Course Instructor of your accommodation needs upon your registration for the course. Please do so by scanning in the official letter from the Dean of Students Office and emailing the letter via E-Learning email.

Student Honor Code and Academic Honesty

Students MUST follow the University's policy regarding cheating and the use of copyrighted materials. Please visit [<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/procedures/academicguide.html>] for specific definitions of cheating, plagiarism and other violations.

* Syllabus is subject to change. All changes will be clarified by instructor in advance.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week One	COURSE INTRODUCTION Module 1 Release 12:00 am 01.07.13 (Monday); Due 11:55 pm 01.13.13 (Sunday)
Week Two	WORLD URBAN DEVELOPMENT Module 2 Release 12:00 am 01.14.13 (Monday); Due 11:55 pm 01.20.13 (Sunday)
Week Three	THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA Module 3 Release 12:00 am 01.21.13 (Monday); Due 11:55 pm 01.27.13 (Sunday)
Week Four	MIDDLE AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN Module 4 Release 12:00 am 01.28.13 (Monday); Due 11:55 pm 02.03.13 (Sunday)
Week Five	SOUTH AMERICA Module 5 Release 12:00 am 02.04.13 (Monday); Due 11:55 pm 02.10.13 (Sunday)
Week Six	<i>EXAM #1</i> Monday, February 11, 2013 12:00 am – 11:55 pm
Week Seven	EUROPE Module 7 Release 12:00 am 02.18.13 (Monday); Due 11:55 pm 02.24.13 (Sunday)
Week Eight	RUSSIA Module 8 Release 12:00 am 02.25.13 (Monday); Due 11:55 pm 03.10.13 (Sunday)
Week Nine	GREATER MIDDLE EAST Module 9 Release 12:00 am 02.25.13 (Monday); Due 11:55 pm 03.10.13 (Sunday)
Week Ten	SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA Module 10 Release 12:00 am 03.11.13 (Monday); Due 11:55 pm 03.17.13 (Sunday)
<i>Week Eleven</i>	<i>EXAM #2</i> Monday, March 18, 2013 12:00 am – 11:55 pm AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS Module 11 Release 12:00 am 03.18.13 (Monday); Due 11:55 pm 03.24.13 (Sunday)
Week Twelve	SOUTH ASIA Module 12 Release 12:00 am 03.25.13 (Monday); Due 11:55 pm 03.31.13 (Sunday)
Week Thirteen	SOUTH EAST ASIA Module 13 Release 12:00 am 04.01.13 (Monday); Due 11:55 pm 04.07.13 (Sunday)
Week Fourteen	EAST ASIA Modules 14 Release 12:00 am 04.08.13 (Monday); Due 11:55 pm 04.14.13 (Sunday)
Week Fifteen	MEGACITIES Modules 15 Release 12:00 am 04.15.13 (Monday); Due 11:55 pm 04.21.13 (Sunday)
Week Sixteen	<i>EXAM #3</i> Monday, April 22, 2013 12:00 am – 11:55 pm