



Fall 2016
Sections 1H42, 1908, 24BD (3 Credit Hours)

UF e-Learning in Canvas (<http://elearning.ufl.edu>)

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 Diversity and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

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Learning Objectives

- To provide students with an overview of urban areas of the world
- To introduce students to countries and cultures throughout the world
- To give students a basic understanding of patterns of urban development and different urban systems – (i.e. grid patterns, organic patterns, ecological systems, transit systems, etc.)
- To guide students through the processes of urbanization and to help them comprehend the regional and global consequences of such processes

Required Text & Materials

The required materials for the course are:

- Cities of the World: Regional Patterns and Urban Environments. 6th Edition (2016). Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc. Stanley D. Brunn, Maureen Hays-Mitchell, Donald J. Zeigler, and Jessica Graybill
 - ISBN-10: 1442249161
 - ISBN-13: 978-1442249165
- Access to Course Website on e-Learning in Canvas: <http://elearning.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. 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 readings, 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 online. All completed tasks will be evaluated based on relevance, content, and creativity. **You cannot accumulate more than 1000 points.**

- **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 until the last week of class.** *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 on 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 Quizzes 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 points.

- Group Project Quiz: 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 3-5, 7-14).

The 5 Group Project Quiz questions must be submitted with your group’s project link.

Group Project Quizzes must be completed BY THE ENTIRE CLASS by 11:55pm 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, September 26, 2016 12:00 am – 11:55 pm (covering Modules 2-5)

Exam 2: Monday, October 31, 2016 12:00 am – 11:55 pm (covering Modules 7-10)

Exam 3: Monday, December 5, 2016 12:00 am – 11:55 pm (covering Modules 11-15)

Point Distribution

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

Due Date	Module	Academic Integrity 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
08.28	1	10								10				20
09.04	2		5		10	5				10				30
09.11	3		5		10	5			5	10				35
09.18	4		5		10	5			5	10				35
09.25	5		5		10	5			5	10				35
09.26	EXAM										100			100
10.09	7		5		10	5			5	10				35
10.16	8		5		10	5			5	10				35
10.23	9		5		10	5			5	10				35
10.30	10		5		10	5			5	10				35
10.31	EXAM											100		100
11.06	11		5		10	5			5	10				35
11.13	12		5		10	5			5	10				35
11.20	13		5		10	5			5	10				35
11.27	14		5		10	5			5	10				35
12.04	15		5		10	5			5	10				35
12.05	EXAM												100	100
Projects	-			40			140	50						230
Total Points		10	65	40	130	65	140	50	60	140	100	100	100	1000
Percentage		1%	6.5%	4%	13%	6.5%	14%	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	800 – 829	points B-	670 – 699	points D+
900 – 929	points A-	770 – 799	points C+	630 – 669	points D
870 – 899	points B+	730 – 769	points C	600 – 629	points D-
830 – 869	points B	700 – 729	points C-	0 – 599	points E

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 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).

University Policy on Accommodating Students with Disabilities

Students requesting accommodation for disabilities must first register with the Dean of Students Office (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc>). The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation. You must submit this documentation prior to submitting assignments or taking the quizzes or exams. Accommodations are not retroactive, therefore, students should contact the office as soon as possible in the term for which they are seeking accommodations.

University Policy on Academic Misconduct

Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should be sure that they understand the UF Student Honor Code at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/students.php>.

Getting Help

For issues with technical difficulties in e-learning, please contact the UF Help Desk at:

- helpdesk@ufl.edu
- (352) 392-HELP
- <http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/e-learning-support/>

** Any requests for make-ups due to technical issues MUST be accompanied by the ticket number received from LSS when the problem was reported to them. The ticket number will document the time and date of the problem. You MUST e-mail your instructor within 24 hours of the technical difficulty if you wish to request a make-up.

Other resources are available at <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/getting-help> for: Counseling and Wellness resources, Disability resources, Resources for handling student concerns and complaints, Library Help Desk support

Should you have any complaints with your experience in this course please visit <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaints> to submit a complaint.

Disclaimer: This syllabus represents current plans and objectives. As we go through the semester, those plans may need to change to enhance the class learning opportunity. Such changes, communicated clearly, are not unusual and should be expected.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week One	COURSE INTRODUCTION Module 1 Release 12:00 am August 22nd; Due 11:55 pm August 28th (Sunday)
Week Two	WORLD URBAN DEVELOPMENT Module 2 Release 12:00 am August 29th; Due 11:55 pm September 4th (Sunday)
Week Three	THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA Module 3 Release 12:00 am September 5th; Due 11:55 pm September 11th (Sunday)
Week Four	MIDDLE AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN Module 4 Release 12:00 am September 12th; Due 11:55 pm September 18th (Sunday)
Week Five	SOUTH AMERICA Module 5 Release 12:00 am September 19th; Due 11:55 pm September 25th (Sunday)
Week Six	<i>EXAM #1: Monday, September 26, 2015 12:00 am – 11:55 pm</i>
Week Seven	EUROPE Module 7 Release 12:00 am October 3rd; Due 11:55 pm October 9th (Sunday)
Week Eight	RUSSIA Module 8 Release 12:00 am October 10th; Due 11:55 pm October 16th (Sunday)
Week Nine	GREATER MIDDLE EAST Module 9 Release 12:00 am October 17th; Due 11:55 pm October 23rd (Sunday)
Week Ten	SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA Module 10 Release 12:00 am October 24th; Due 11:55 pm October 30th (Sunday)
Week Eleven	<i>EXAM #2: Monday, October 31, 2015 12:00 am – 11:55 pm</i>
	AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS Module 11 Release 12:00 am October 31st; Due 11:55 pm November 6th (Sunday)
Week Twelve	SOUTH ASIA Module 12 Release 12:00 am November 7th; Due 11:55 pm November 13th (Sunday)
Week Thirteen	SOUTH EAST ASIA Module 13 Release 12:00 am November 14th; Due 11:55 pm November 20th (Sunday)
Week Fourteen	EAST ASIA Modules 14 Release 12:00 am November 21st; Due 11:55 pm December 4th (Sunday)
Week Fifteen	MEGACITIES Modules 15 Release 12:00 am November 21st; Due 11:55 pm December 4th (Sunday)
Week Sixteen	<i>EXAM #3: Monday, December 5, 2015 12:00 am – 11:55 pm</i>
	Module 15: Trip Around the World Project Due 11:55pm December 6th (Tuesday)