



**Summer B 2018**  
**Sections 41A4, 4378, 4384 (3 Credit Hours)**

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

### **Course Introduction**

This course will introduce students to the concept of urbanization, its related problems, and methods 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. 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 (N) and Social and Behavioral Sciences (S)

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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 (e.g., 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*. 6<sup>th</sup> 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
  - Reserve copy is available for 2-hour loans at the Architecture & Fine Arts Library
- Access to Course Website on e-Learning in Canvas: <http://elearning.ufl.edu>

### **Course Overview**

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

### **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.**

- **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.**

- **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 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 on the course website).

**Word Seek must be submitted by 11:55 pm on the respective due date.**

- **Group Project:** You will be assigned to a group that will complete one group project throughout the course of the semester. You will be graded on: (1) the successful completion of this task; and, (2) an assessment of your performance by your fellow group members. *Groups will be assigned on the first day of class.*

**Group Projects must be submitted by 12 pm (noon) on the respective due date.**

- **Group Project Quiz:** As part of the group project assignment, each group will submit five True/False and/or Multiple Choice questions related to their presentation which will then be assigned as a quiz to the entire class. All students (including those submitting the questions) must complete these group project assessment quizzes.

**Group Project quiz questions must be submitted along with each group's project link.**

**Group Project Quizzes must be completed by the entire class by 11:55pm on the respective due date.**

- **Peer Evaluation:** As mentioned in the Group Project grading criteria above, your grade here will rely upon peer evaluation. Your score will be the average of your group's assessment of your participation. ***Students with a score of 20 points or fewer (whose group felt they did not participate or contribute) will not receive credit for the project.*** Therefore, if you are having problems getting in contact with your group, please notify the instructor or teaching assistant right away.

**Group Member Peer Evaluations must be submitted at the same time as your group project link.**

- **Trip Around the World Project:** 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 on your map, keeping up with it on a weekly basis, adding cities from the respective modules. Please note, you will not submit this project until the last week of class.

**Trip Around the World must be submitted 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, assignments, discussion posts, group assignments, and readings. Each exam will be worth 100 points and will focus on material covered since the previous exam. The three exams will be comprised of multiple choice and mapping question. Exams will be available online for a 24-hour period on the designated date, and you will need to allot 50 minutes to complete the exam.

**Exam 1: Monday, July 16, 2018, from 12:00 am – 11:55 pm (covering Modules 2-5)**

**Exam 2: Monday, July 30, 2018, from 12:00 am – 11:55 pm (covering Modules 7-10)**

**Exam 3: Friday, August 10, 2018, from 12:00 am – 11:55 pm (covering Modules 12-16)**

### Point Distribution

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

Due Date	Module	Academic Integrity Module 50 pts (week 1)	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 100 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
07.03	1	50								10				60
07.05	2		5		10	5				10				30
07.07	3		5		10	5			5	10				35
07.11	4		5		10	5			5	10				35
07.14	5		5		10	5			5	10				35
07.16	6-EXAM										100			100
07.18	7		5		10	5			5	10				35
07.21	8		5		10	5			5	10				35
07.25	9		5		10	5			5	10				35
07.28	10		5		10	5			5	10				35
07.30	11-EXAM											100		100
08.01	12		5		10	5			5	10				35
08.04	13		5		10	5			5	10				35
08.08	14		5		10	5			5	10				35
08.09	15		5		10	5			5	10				35
08.10	16		5		10	5			5	10				35
08.10	17-EXAM												100	100
Projects	-			40			100	50						190
<b>Total Points</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>Percentage</b>		<b>5%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>100%</b>

*There are no points allocated for the gray boxes.*

The final grading scale is 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 for individual assignments you were unable 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.**

- **Where's Albert:** 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!
- **EC Link Assignments:** 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](mailto: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, and 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 the semester progresses, 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: Released 12:00 am on July 2<sup>nd</sup>; Due 11:55 pm on July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)

### **WORLD URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

Module 2: Released 12:00 am on July 2<sup>nd</sup>; Due 11:55 pm on July 5<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)

### **THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA**

Module 3: Released 12:00 am on July 2<sup>nd</sup>; Due 11:55 pm on July 7<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

Week Two

### **MIDDLE AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Module 4: Released 12:00 am on July 5<sup>th</sup>; Due 11:55 pm on July 11<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

### **SOUTH AMERICA**

Module 5: Released 12:00 am on July 5<sup>th</sup>; Due 11:55 pm on July 14<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

Week Three

***EXAM #1: Monday, July 16th, 12:00 am – 11:55 pm***

### **EUROPE**

Module 7: Released 12:00 am on July 12<sup>th</sup>; Due 11:55 pm on July 18<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

### **RUSSIA**

Module 8: Released 12:00 am on July 12<sup>th</sup>; Due 11:55 pm on July 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday)

Week Four

### **GREATER MIDDLE EAST**

Module 9: Released 12:00 am on July 19<sup>th</sup>; Due 11:55 pm on July 25<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

### **SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**

Module 10: Released 12:00 am on July 19<sup>th</sup>; Due 11:55 pm on July 28<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

Week Five

***EXAM #2: Monday, July 30th, 12:00 am – 11:55 pm***

### **AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS**

Module 12: Released 12:00 am on July 26<sup>th</sup>; Due 11:55 pm on August 1<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday)

### **SOUTH ASIA**

Module 13: Released 12:00 am on July 26<sup>th</sup>; Due 11:55 pm on August 4<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

Week Six

### **SOUTH EAST ASIA**

Module 14: Released 12:00 am on July 31<sup>st</sup>; Due 11:55 pm on August 8<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

### **EAST ASIA**

Module 15: Released 12:00 am on July 31<sup>st</sup>; Due 11:55 pm on August 9<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)

### **MEGACITIES**

Module 16: Released 12:00 am on July 31<sup>st</sup>; Due 11:55 pm on August 10<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

Module 16: Trip Around the World Project Due 11:55 pm on August 10<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

***EXAM #3: Friday, August 10th, 12:00 am – 11:55 pm***