

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY  
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DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

**ANTH 379.01**  
**URBAN ANTHROPOLOGY**

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Tuesday and Thursday 11:00AM - 12:15PM  
ICT 121

**Instructor**

TA

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course focuses upon the character of social processes in cities, and their outcome in urban space. Cities are among humanity's most complex and diverse creations, which also makes them prone to unruliness and difficult to manage. This year, the course will concentrate on how urban populations are governed and managed. This involves governance and policy, the forms of which will be considered as they vary over time, space and culture. Rather than considering the policies in isolation, however, we will concentrate on ethnographic perspectives on urban policy and governance. That is, how they are created, implemented, how they affect different urban groups and places, and with attention to the assumptions underlying the policies that are formulated.

**REQUIRED READINGS**

One required text has been ordered at the University bookstore: George Gmelch and Walter Zenner *Urban Life*. Prospect Heights: Waveland Press, 2010 (5<sup>th</sup> edition). In addition, certain articles will be required reading to supplement the coverage in the text. These will be detailed in the lecture schedule to be distributed later, and will be available through Desire2Learn.

**EVALUATIONS**

Mid-term test 1 (Oct. 8):	25%
Mid-term test 2 (Nov. 17):	25%
Term paper, due Dec. 3:	40%
Final test (Dec. 8):	10%

*Grading scheme:*

A+	100 - 94.9%
A	94.8 - 89.9%
A-	89.8 - 84.9%
B+	84.8 – 79.9%
B	79.8 - 74.9%
B-	74.8 – 70.9%
C+	70.8– 66.9%
C	66.8 – 62.9%
C-	62.8 – 58.9%
D+	58.8 – 54.9%
D	54.8 – 49.9%
F	49.8% and below

### Notes

The term paper (details to follow) is due by 4 p.m. on Dec. 4. Although there will be no class that day, the TA will be there so that you can hand it in during class that day. If not, please drop it in the niche for ANTH 379 in the large box outside the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology Main Office (Earth Sciences 620). Extensions will only be allowed for medical reasons and family emergencies, documentation required, and the instructor should be contacted in advance. Computer problems should be anticipated, and preventive measures such as backups on disks and regular printing of hardcopy, virus protection, etc. should avoid many common problems. Late penalties will otherwise be assessed at a rate of 5% of the assignment weighting per day late. Read the attached statement on intellectual honesty carefully: proper referencing and provision of credit for sources of ideas are mandatory (details will be provided with the term paper guidelines).

A variety of supporting materials will be put on the course webpage, including term paper guidelines, useful links, and draft lecture notes (when available - no guarantee is made that these will always be prepared, or that they will be available in any particular timeframe, or that the webserver will be operating just before tests, etc.) Also note that the draft lecture notes are at best approximations of the required lecture material. Time may not allow coverage of all material, and generally supplementary material in the form of examples, etc. are added during the lecture. While the instructor will attempt to respond to emails in a timely fashion, that is, within two working days, volume may mean that delays will extend beyond this period. In other words, don't send an email about the test an hour before and expect a response.

### ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. You are required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation.

## **PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING**

Plagiarism: "to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one's own" (Webster's). Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a failing grade for the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing July also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Anthropology Departments policy on intellectual honesty available at:  
<https://www.anth.ucalgary.ca/home/links/intellectual-honesty-guidelines>

## **EMERGENCY EVACUATION**

In the event that the classroom should need to be evacuated due to an emergency please note that the primary assembly point shall be the Social Sciences Food Court .

## **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

The University of Calgary is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals who work and study at the University or who otherwise interact with the University in accordance with the standards set out in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Please refer to the following link for detailed information:  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip>

## **USRI:**

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses ([www.ucalgary.ca/usri](http://www.ucalgary.ca/usri)).

## **ANTH 379 Fall 2015 Lecture Schedule**

The following is a tentative schedule of lecture topics for the course. Required readings are identified in parentheses, according to the name of the first author in the course kit. There are a small number of required supplemental articles that will be made available through the course Blackboard webpage, at <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca>. These are identified by the name of the author in the outline below. Some other readings will be placed on Blackboard as optional readings, but will not be required except as specified: articles indicated below as TBA at this point will later be specified.

<b>Week 1</b> (Sept. 8/10)	Introduction: Anthropology in cities (1-19, 20-35, 55-71)
<b>Week 2</b> (Sept. 15/17)	Anthropology of policy (Wedel et al., Gusterson) Sept. 17, Film: "Social life of small urban places"

<b>Week 3</b> (Sept. 22/24)	What is a city? Variation by time and space (101-118, 413-420, ME Smith)
<b>Week 4</b> (Sept. 29/Oct. 1)	Poverty (171-201)
<b>Week 5</b> (Oct. 6/8)	Shelter and homelessness (36-54, 217-231, 131-156) <b>Midterm 1: Oct. 8</b>
<b>Week 6</b> (Oct. 13/15)	Squatters and public housing (119-130, Smart)
<b>Week 7</b> (Oct. 20/22)	Urban economies and development (72-81, 243-255, 403-412); <b>Oct. 22: Film: "Bombay calling"</b>
<b>Week 8</b> (Oct. 27/29)	Illegality and crime control (202-216, 232-242, 269-279)
<b>Week 9</b> (Nov. 3/5)	Migration (281-299, 317-329)
<b>Week 10</b> (Nov.10/12)	<b>Nov. 10: Film: "Blue collar and Buddha";</b> <b>Nov. 12: Reading Day (no class)</b>
<b>Week 11</b> (Nov. 17/19)	<b>Midterm 2: Nov. 17; Transnationalism (359-377,157-169, 378-393)</b>
<b>Week 12</b> (Nov. 24/26)	Coping strategies (394-402, Moser, Hart)
<b>Week 13</b> (Dec. 1/3)	Anthropology of policy revisited; <b>Dec. 3: no class, term papers due</b>
<b>Week 14</b> (Dec. 8)	<b>In-class final test</b>