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JCT 121

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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

Two required texts have been ordered at the University bookstore: George Gmelch and Walter Zenner *Urban Life*. Prospect Heights: Waveland Press, 2010 (5th edition); Jaffe, Rivke, and Anouk De Koning. *Introducing Urban Anthropology*. New York: Routledge, 2015.

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-tenn test 1 (Oct. 18):	25%
Mid-tenn test 2 (Nov. 22):	25%
Tenn paper, due Dec. 1:	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. 1. 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:

The academic accommodations policy can be found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy>.

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodations and have not registered with Student Accessibility Services, please contact them at 403-220-6019. Students that have not registered with the SAS are not eligible for formal academic accommodations. More information about the academic accommodations can be found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access>.

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 will also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Anthropology Department's policy on intellectual honesty available at:
<http://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.

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). Your responses make a difference - please participate in USRI Surveys.

The Department of Anthropology's FOIP (Freedom of Information and Privacy) policy requires all reports/examinations to be returned to students during class time or the instructor's office hours. Any term work not picked up will be placed in the Anthropology Office (SS 854) for distribution. Any student not wishing to have their work placed in the office must make alternate arrangements with the course instructor early in the term.

ANTH 379 Fall 2016 Lecture Schedule

The following is a tentative schedule of lecture topics for the course. Required readings are identified in parentheses. The Urban Life text will be identified by UL plus page numbers, Introducing Urban Anthropology by IUA plus page numbers or chapters. There are a small number of required supplemental articles that will be made available through the course D2L page. These are identified by the name of the author in the outline below. Some other readings will be placed on D2L as optional readings, but will not be required except as specified.

Week 1 (Sept. 13/15)	Introduction: Urban places, urban policies (IUA Chapter 4 & 8, Hampton); Film Sept. 15 "Social life of small urban places"
Week 2 (Sept. 20/22)	Anthropology of cities (IUA Ch. 1, UL 1-19)
Week 3 (Sept. 27/29)	What is a city? Variation by time and space

(101-118, 413-420, ME Smith)

- Week 4 (Oct. 4/6) Poverty and inequality (IUA Ch. 7, UL 171-201)
- Week 5 (Oct. 11/13) Illegality and crime control (*IVA* Ch. 10, UL 202-216, 232-242, 269-279)
- Week 6 (Oct. 18/20) Midterm 1: Oct. 18; Shelter and homelessness (*IVA* Ch. 2, UL 36-54, 217-231, 131-156)
- Week 7 (Oct. 25/27) Squatters and public housing (UL 119-130, Smart); Oct. 27: Film: "Bombay calling"
- Week 8 (Nov. 1/3) Urban economies and development (*IVA* 5, UL 243-255, 403-412)
- Week 9 (Nov. 8/1,0) Migration (UL 281-299, 317-329); Nov. 10: Reading Day (no class)
- Week 10 (Nov. 15/17) Nov. 15: Film: "Blue collar and Buddha"; Transnationalism & mobility (*IVA* Ch. 3, UL 359-377, 157-169)
- Week 11 (Nov. 22/24) Midterm 2: Nov. 22; Citizenship and politics (*IVA* Ch. 9)
- Week 12 (Nov. 29/Dec. 1) Coping strategies (UL 394-402, Moser, Hart)
Dec. 1: no class, term papers due
- Week 13 (Dec. 6/8) The future of urban anthropology (*IVA* Ch. 11);
Dec. 8: In-class final test