

INTRODUCTION TO URBAN GEOGRAPHY

Timetable: Winter SESSION, 2008 KsB 126

Catalogue

Tues/Thu 11:00 75 min

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Course Description

This course is an introduction to the study of Urban Geography with an emphasis on intra-urban community processes and patterns in western cities, rather than urban systems development which is the subject of GEOG 451. It is expected that students will attend all classes. In most weeks the whole class time will be used for lectures; later in the term there will be seminars.

Summary of main topics to be covered. These are not necessarily in order of delivery

Introduction to Urban Geog. Urban Naming

World and Canadian Urban System Trends (covered in more detail in Geog451)

Central Areas of Cities and Changes

Commercial Structure of Cities: a) Principles of Variation; Area Types; Changes.

Morphology of Cities. Residential Area Designs and Problems (Chapter 8)

Models of Land Use Variations in Cities. (Bid Rent; Ecological Models)

Societal Context of Community (Chapter 1 and 2)

Social Area Differentiation in Cities: a) Concepts and Measurements (Chapter 2)

b) Ethnic Variations. c) Crime Area variations

Interactions and Communities (Chapter 4)

Behavioural/ Cognitive and Affective Dimensions of variation in cities (Chapter 5)

Alternative Community Delivery Types and Problems (Chapter 6)

Service Provision in Cities (Chapter 7)

If time permits: Governance of Cities; City Roles in History.

Text: Required Reading

W.K.D. Davies and D.T. Herbert, 1994. *Communities within Cities*. Belhaven (UK) or Halstead-Wiley (USA). Updates of some material will be provided.

Additional reading from various journals./books will be provided, especially for the first three weeks.

Grades. Midterm Exam: 30% (Tuesday before Reading Week Feb. 12). Second mid term: 30%. (Last Tuesday of term) Final: 40% (Not scheduled by the Registrar's office). This will consist of 3 essays (max. of 5 typed sides at 30 linesp.p each) with a week to complete. Given out 2 weeks before term end and to be completed in 2 weeks.

Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

- Assignments will be handed back only in class or by the Professor at pre-arranged time(s).
- If you would like to receive your assignment through the mail, please include an appropriately sized self-addressed, stamped envelope with your assignment when you hand it in to the professor.
- Posting of grades will be at the discretion of each Professor and, if posted, they will be scrambled. Please note, grades will not be available in the Geography office.

N.B. Students are responsible for observing deadlines and attending examinations as scheduled. Failure to attend or late submission will normally result in forfeiture of that portion of the course grade. It is *not* essential to pass all parts of the course in order to pass the course as a whole. *The grading system will be the official University of Calgary system translated into percentages..A= 100%. B or 3/4 grade pts=75%, C or 2/4 grade pts=50%. D or 1/4 Gradepts=25%*

Pre-requisites: Geography 200 level or an equivalent urban course (by consent of the department). It is not necessary to pass all parts of the course to obtain a passing final grade.

Plagiarism

Academic dishonesty is not an acceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section in the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are 1) presenting another student's work as your own 2) presenting an author's work or ideas as your own without proper referencing and 3) using work completed for another course. This activity will not be tolerated in this course and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the calendar.

Disability Resource Centre 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. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR STUDENT AND FACULTY REPRESENTATION

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- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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