



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: WINTER 2015
Geography 565
H(3-0)

Urban Political Geography:

Section	Days	Times	Location
LEC01	TuTh	12:30pm – 13:45pm	SB 144

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The emergency evacuation assembly point for all classes taught in Science B is ICT Food Court.

Course Description

This is an advanced course surveying core theories of urban politics and their relationship to space, place, and territory. The first half of the course will introduce major theories of, and debates over, the nature of urban politics. The second half of the course will address specific urban political issues, processes, and policies such as social and environmental justice; neoliberalism and governmentality; the rescaling of urban governance; public versus private space; the politics of suburbanization; urban social movements; urban sustainability politics; and the future of urban governance.

Course Objectives

The objective of this course is to provide students with a broad understanding of the political forces shaping North American cities, their relationship to the changing nature of urban space, and possibilities for building more just, inclusive and sustainable cities.

Required Readings

Two books are required:

Rossi, U., & Vanolo, A. (2012). *Urban Political Geographies: A global perspective* (1st ed.). London, Thousand Oaks: Sage.

Jonas, A., & Wilson, D., (eds) (1999) *The Urban Growth Machine: Critical Perspectives Two Decades Later*, Albany: SUNY Press.

Other required course readings will be posted to D2L. While a complete set of readings is posted at the beginning of the semester, it is subject to change as the focus of class discussion and student interests evolve.

Assignments and Grading

All assignments must be completed. Late assignments will be penalized 5% per day late. On take-home, written assignments writing competency (organization, grammar, spelling, word choice, etc.) will count for 20% of the grade. The Writing Centre (part of the Student Success Centre <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/>) can help you with any writing difficulties you might have.

Grading (Weighting):

Mid-term Exam.....100 points
Paper assignment100 points
Final Exam.....100 points

Up to 10 class participation points may be added to your point total, depending on the frequency and quality of your participation.

All exams will be take-home and open-book; they must be turned in typed. Exams will be posted to D2L.

The term paper assignment will be a literature research paper of approximately twelve pages, plus bibliography. Details of the term paper assignment will be posted on D2L.

SCHEDULE:

This schedule acts as an initial course guide. The instructor reserves the right to add or delete lecture topics and readings appropriate to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the course. Any changes to this schedule will be announced in class.

WEEK 1:	Introduction to Course Forwards 1 and 2 Rossi and Vanolo	Course Outline
WEEK 2:	Fundamental Concepts in Urban Political Geography Rossi and Vanolo Forward 3 Chapter 1	Assigned readings folder
WEEK 3:	Pluralism, Elite Theory, and the City as a Growth Machine Jonas and Wilson Chapter 1	Assigned readings folder
WEEK 4:	Class Alliances, Local Dependence and Marxian Theories of Urban Politics	Assigned readings folder
WEEK 5:	Regime Theory Jonas and Wilson Ch. 6	Assigned readings folder
WEEK 6:	Globalization and Urban Growth Politics Rossi and Vanolo Ch 13	Assigned readings folder
Reading Break		
	Exam 1 assigned Exam 1 due in class February 27th	
WEEK 7:	Growth: Ideology, Symbolism, and Political Economy Rossi and Vanolo Ch. 1 and 2	Assigned readings folder
WEEK 8:	State Restructuring, Neoliberalism and Regulation Theory	Assigned readings folder

WEEK 9: City-Suburban Political Polarization

Assigned readings folder

**WEEK 10: Hegemony, Governmentality, and the Post-Political
Jonas and Wilson Ch. 9**

Assigned readings folder

WEEK 11: NIMBYism, Environmental Justice, and Political Ecology

Assigned readings folder

WEEK 12: April 1 and 3 The Politics of Public and Private Space

Assigned readings folder

WEEK 13: Urban Social Movements

Assigned readings folder

Classroom Etiquette

Lecture discussions are a very important part of class. Questions will be posed and ideas and information solicited from you. This enables us to learn from each other. For this approach to be maximally successful, it is important that you come to class prepared (having read the assigned readings) and ready to discuss the topic of the day. Many students take notes on class discussions using laptops, which is fine. However, please do not use your laptop in class for purposes unrelated to class, e.g., checking email, watching movies, facebook, etc. Doing work unrelated to class disturbs others and should be done outside of class.

Note: There is no Registrar-scheduled final examination in this course.

Grading System:

A+	4.00	Outstanding performance
A	4.00	Excellent-superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject
A-	3.70	↑
B+	3.30	
B	3.00	Good - clearly above average performance
B-	2.70	↑
C+	2.30	
C	2.00	Satisfactory performance – basic understanding of the subject
C-	1.70	
D+	1.30	
D	1.00	Minimal Pass-marginal performance
F	0	Fail - - poor performance

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor Desire2Learn at <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/d2l/home>

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.

Writing across the Curriculum

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, members of faculty can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Support Services can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

Principles of Conduct

The University of Calgary Calendar includes a statement on the Principles of conduct expected of all members of the University community (including students, faculty, administrators, any category of staff, practicum supervisors and volunteers) whether on or off the University's property. This statement applies in all situations where the members of the University community are acting in their University capacities. All Members of the University Community have a responsibility to familiarize themselves with this statement which is available at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/j-2.html>

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. <http://www.ucalgary.ca/honesty/plagiarism>

Student Accessibility Services Accommodations

If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with Student Accessibility Services, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with Student Accessibility Services 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.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

FOIP: The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, e.g., outside instructor's office, the department office, etc. Term assignments will be returned to students individually, during class or during the instructor's office hours; if students are unable to pick up their

assignments from the instructor, they provide the instructor with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be used for the return of the assignment.

Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

- All assignments will be handled through D2L or personally.
- Their own grades will be available to each student on D2L by password access. Grades will not be available at Geography's main office.

Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation

- SU VP Academic Phone: 220-3911 and e-mail: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: arts1@ucalgary.ca

The students ombudsman office information can be found at:

<http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/page/affordability-accessibility/su-structure/contact-info>

Campus Safewalk

Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day, to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security officer will accompany you to your Campus destination.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Students Centre is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS 102, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca you can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210 7625 or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contact for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

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