



**Urban Studies 505.06
Neighbourhoods and the State**

TTh 18:00 to 20:45

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Course Description

Once believed to be too small scaled as to require much attention, gentrification now represents the “leading edge” of urban redevelopment and neighbourhood change. More often than not, the contemporary state and governance follow a pro-gentrification stance to attract capital investment in urban space. The core principle of this course is to examine how larger scaled socio-economic processes influence change at the neighbourhood scale. This course will begin with a general overview of neighbourhood change and the role of the state, but will develop into a detailed focus on gentrification and social processes that (re)produce it. Although the gentrification is a global phenomena and examples from other continents will be incorporated, greater attention will be paid to Canada and the United States.

Required Textbook

Lees, L., T. Slater, and E. Wyly. 2008. *Gentrification*. New York and London: Routledge.

There will be additional readings required for this course. These will be provided provided through Blackboard no later than one week before their assigned date. One copy of the textbook will be kept on reserve in Geography Collections Room, 4th floor of the Earth Sciences Building. However, it is highly suggested that you purchase the text.

Grading Components

Course grades will be based on several forms of evaluation (Tentative).

- All students are required to read assigned material for this course. Each student is responsible to lead the class in a discussion based on a specific reading assigned to them. Each student will be required construct an outline/summary of their assigned reading as a guide for each participant for the discussion. Each student will be responsible for at least three separate readings.
- The primary course component will be a group project related to neighbourhood change in Calgary. The intial stages of this project will entail a short project proposal (one to two pages) and the construction of a literature review that is relevant for the entire project. Presentations will be given on

the last day of class by each group. The project will also entail a written submission. A more detailed outline of the requirements for this project will be provided separately.

Grades will be based on:

Class Participation/Subject Outlines:	20%
Project Proposal:	10%
Literature Review:	20%
Project Presentation:	20%
Written Submission:	30%

Grades will be based on the following grading scale:

A+ (99-100); **A** (92-98.9); **A-** (88-91.9); **B+** (85-87.9); **B** (82-84.9); **B-** (78-81.9); **C+** (75-77.9); **C** (70-74.9); **C-** (62-69.9); **D+** (58-61.9); **D** (55-57.9); **D-** (52-54.9); **F** (0-51.9)

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.

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).
- To receive your assignment back via mail, please include an appropriately sized self-addressed, stamped envelope with your assignment when handing in to the professor.
- Grades will be posted on Blackboard. Grades and marked assignments 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: socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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