

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

**SOCIOLOGY 353:01
URBAN SOCIOLOGY**

COURSE OUTLINE

Fall 2011

Class Meets TR 9:30-10:45

Location: ICT 122

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Click “Courses” to find the course outline for this course or use the course Blackboard site.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To introduce theory and concepts appropriate to the field of urban sociology and to develop a familiarity with the core literature within the subdiscipline.
2. To understand the process of urbanization (e.g., historical trends, ecological distributions, interaction patterns) and its implications from a sociological perspective.
3. To grapple with the significance and impact of urbanization on the student's present and future social life.

TEXTBOOKS

Harry H. Hiller (ed.), *Urban Canada*. Oxford University Press (2nd Edition), 2010.

Doug Sanders, *Arrival City: The Final Migration and Our Next World*. Knopf, 2011.

(This book is related to the essay assignment and will not be available in paperback until October).

ASA URBAN SOCIOLOGY WEBSITE: <http://www.commurb.org/>

This is the website of the Community and Urban Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association and is interesting to browse. If specific readings from this website are required, you will be informed.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. All students will write the Mid-term Examination on October 25. The exam will be based on lectures and the readings listed on the course schedule or as assigned.
2. All students will write an Urban Analytical Essay which will be **due in class on November 24**. *Papers will also be accepted in class on November 22*. Late papers will be penalized. This will be a concise 5 page essay which will allow you to be reflective and analytical about cities based on your reading of Saunders. The assignment will have very clear requirements which will be made known on the course Blackboard site the week of September 26. All questions pertaining to this assignment should be directed to the Teaching Assistant who will be in charge of the evaluation of all essays.
3. Final Examination: All students will write the Final Examination which will be based on lectures and readings listed on the course schedule or as assigned. This exam will be scheduled by the Registrar and focuses on material since the mid-term examination.

COURSE WEIGHTS

Mid-term Examination =	30 points
Term Paper =	30 points
Final Examination =	40 points
 Total Points =	 100 points

The Professor will inform you of the letter grade equivalents of points obtained in each assignment.

COURSE SCHEDULE

The topic schedule is meant to be a guide of what is to be covered though there may be some adjustments of precise dates.

All references to readings from specific chapters refer to the Hiller text. Reading # indicates special readings with access to be announced. Short additional readings may be added.

September 15	Urban Sociology as a Field of Study Book Introduction p.1-8
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September 20, 22	Origins and Development of Urbanization Chapter 1
September 27, 29, Oct. 4	Approaches to the Study of Urban Areas Chapters 3, 4, 11
October 6, 11	Urbanization in Developing Countries * Reading #1: Mark Gottdiener and Ray Hutchison “Third World Urbanization”
October 13, 18, 20	Urbanization in Canada and the United States Chapter 2 and 13 * Reading #2: Mercer and England, “Canadian Cities in Continental Context”
October 25	<u>Mid-term Examination</u>
October 27, Nov. 1	Urban Ecological Patterns and Urban Change Chapter 14 * Reading #3: Hiller and Moylan, “Mega-Events and Community Obsolescence.” <i>Canadian Journal of Urban Research</i> 8(1)1999:47-81.
November 3, 8, 15	Urban Areal Differentiation and Stratification Chapters 6, 8, 9
November 10	No Class – Reading Week
November 17, 22	Urbanization and Social Interaction Chapters 5 and 7
November 24, 29	The Sociology of Housing Gendered Urbanization Chapter 10
November 24	Urban Analytical Essay due
December 1, 6, 8	Urban Planning and Participation Urban Livability and Sustainability Chapter 12
December 8	Last Day of Class
Date: TBA	<u>Final Examination</u> scheduled by Registrar

Course Policies

Use of Email: Email can be a useful way to communicate with the professor or teaching assistant. However, *e-mail should not be considered a substitute for direct conversation, particularly on substantive matters*. **Course personnel are very interested in having contact with students, so discussions in person are preferable.** A less preferable alternative is the telephone but sometimes it works well. *In general, anything that requires more than a couple of sentences in reply should not be sent by email.* Appointments outside of regular office hours should be made by e-mail since the professor seldom has his calendar in class.

Use of BLACKBOARD: This course uses Blackboard online which requires log-on through “*My University of Calgary*”. Occasional notices, assignments, and reminders will be posted on this site. Any students with questions about how this works or with access difficulties should contact the IT Support Centre, (403) 220-5555, itsupport@ucalgary.ca Math Sciences 7th Floor, or Information Commons MacKimmie Library, 2nd Floor.

Deferrals:

If at all possible you must provide advance notice to the instructor if you are unable to take a test or pass in an assignment or essay on time. All requests for deferral of a course component due to health reasons must be accompanied by written documentation as outlined in the University Calendar and should be obtained while the student has the physical or emotional problem rather than after recovery. Deferrals will be allowed in the following circumstances: illness, domestic affliction or religious conviction. Travel arrangements and misreading of the syllabus are not valid reasons for requesting a deferral. Deferrals will not be granted if it is determined that just cause is not shown by the student.

If you have missed a test for a legitimate reason, the instructor can require you to write a “make up” test as close in time to the original test as possible or can choose to transfer the percentage weight to another course component. If the instructor schedules a “make up” test for you, its date and location will be at the convenience of the Department of Sociology.

Deferred Final Exam Form:

Please note that requests to defer a Registrar-scheduled final exam are dealt with through the Registrar’s Office. Further information about deadlines, and where paperwork should be taken, is available on the form, which can be found at:

http://ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/APP%20FOR%20DF%20EXAM_0.pdf

Deferred Term Work Form:

Deferral of term work past the end of a term also requires a form to be filled out. It’s available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/defTW.pdf>

Once an extension date has been agreed between instructor and student, the form should be taken to the Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (SS 110) for approval by an Associate Dean (Students).

Handing in Papers Outside of Class, Return of Papers, and Release of Final Grades

1. Students are expected to submit papers in class rather than at the Sociology Department Office.
2. Papers will not be returned through the Sociology Department main office. The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, (i.e., outside an instructor's office, the department office, etc.). Students who want their papers returned outside of class or by appointment must do so by mail and must attach a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the paper.
3. Final grades are not posted by the Sociology department. They are only available online.

Ethics in Research: Students are advised that any research with human subjects--including any interviewing (even with friends and family), opinion polling, or unobtrusive observation--must have the approval of the Departmental Ethics Committee. In completing course requirements, students must not undertake any human subjects research without discussing their plans with the instructor, to determine if ethics approval is required.

Academic Misconduct: Plagiarism, cheating and other academic misconduct are regarded as serious academic offences. Students are advised to consult the University Calendar which presents a Statement of Intellectual Honesty and definitions and penalties associated with cheating, plagiarism, and other academic misconduct.

Academic Accommodation: Students with a disability, who require academic accommodation, need to register with the Disability Resource Centre (MC 295, phone 220-8237). Academic accommodation letters need to be provided to course instructors no later than fourteen (14) days after the first day of class. It is a student's responsibility to register with the Disability Resource Centre and to request academic accommodation, if required.

Safewalk: The University of Calgary provides a "safe walk" service to any location on Campus, including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones, and campus housing. For Campus Security/Safewalk call 220-5333. Campus Security can also be contacted from any of the "Help" phones located around Campus.

Emergency evacuations:

In the case of fire or other emergency evacuation of this classroom/lab, please proceed to the assembly point by the Social Science Food Court.