

- Student will learn about the major issues and problems experienced by cities and the approaches used to address these issues.
- Students will learn how culture, economic systems, political forms and policy impact the lives to citizens.
- Students will be able to describe and analyze the global interdependence of groups and individuals.

IW Learning Outcomes:

Students will be expected to produce writing that:

- Demonstrates their understanding of course content,
- Is appropriate for the audience and purpose of a particular writing task,
- Demonstrates the degree of mastery of disciplinary writing conventions appropriate to the course (including documentation conventions), and
- Shows competency in standard edited American English.

V. Suggested Course Materials (required and recommended)

Textbooks and articles recommended:

Cities of the World: World Regional Urban Development, 4th ed. Edited by Stanley D. Brunn, Jack Fr. Williams and Donald J. Zeigler. Oxford: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc. 2008.

VI. Suggested Method of Instruction

Lecture

VII. Suggested Evaluation and Policy

3 Objective tests and short-answer exams (Optional Comprehensive Final – replaces lowest exam grade)	45% of Course Grade
2 Essay Assignments	40% of Course Grade
Reflection Paper	5% of Course Grade
In-Class Participation	10% of Course Grade

Grades are based on a total of 200 Points

Attendance policy is at faculty discretion - Suggest that students will drop a letter grade when attendance is at 80%, and the students receive an automatic F when attendance exceeds 80%.

VIII. Suggested Grading Policy

Final course letter grade earned based on exams, quizzes, essays and class participation.

VIII. Suggested Grading Policy (Based on student's total points)

A = 90 – 100%	(180 – 200 points)
B = 80 – 89%	(160 – 179 points)
C = 70 – 79%	(140 – 159 points)

D = 60 – 69% (120 – 139 points)
F = < 60% (below 119.5 points)

IX. Suggested Assignments and Course Outline

URS 2000: GROWTH AND CHANGE IN URBAN SOCIETY COURSE SCHEDULE		
WEEK	TOPIC	READING ASSIGNMENT
Week 1	Review Syllabus and Course Requirements; Share information on university resources that support student learning; Introduction to Urban Development	World Urban Develop Development
Week 2	Approaches to Understanding Urban Development and Change	World Urban Develop Development
Week 3	Cities of Europe	Chapter 5
Weeks 4 & 5	Exam 1 Cities of North America	Chapter 2
Week 6	Cities of Middle America and the Caribbean	Chapter 3
Week 7	Cities of South America	Chapter 4
	Essay 1 due	
Week 8	Cities of Russia	Chapter 6
Week 9	Exam 2 Cities of East Asia	Chapter 11
Week 10	Reflection Paper Due Cities of South Asia	Chapter 9
Week 11	Cities of South East Asia	Chapter
Week 12	Cities of Cities of the Middle East and North Africa	Chapter 7
Week 13	Cities of Sub-Saharan Africa	Chapter 8
Week 14	Exam 3 Course Review: Critical issues in urban development past, present & future	
Finals Week	Optional Comprehensive Final Essay 2 Due	

SAMPLE ASSIGNMENTS:

Sample Assignment 1:

Compare and contrast the historical, geographical, social and political aspects of western urban life (you can choose any one or more of these aspects for the comparison). You should choose specific cities for this comparison. This paper should be 3-4 double-spaced, typed pages.

Sample Assignment 2:

Compare and contrast cities of the western and nonwestern worlds in terms of their historical, geographical, social, and political aspects (you can choose any one or more of these aspects for the comparison). You can choose specific countries or cities for this comparison. This paper should be 5-6 double-spaced, typed pages.

Sample Assignment 3:

Describe and analyze the interdependence of western and nonwestern urban areas. Use specific examples of cities in the western and nonwestern world for this analysis. This paper should be 5-6 double-spaced, typed pages.

Sample Assignment 4:

Select a critical urban problem in a world city of your choice. Describe the problem, factors that contribute to the problem, and its impact on the city you've selected. Discuss how the local government is addressing the problem and the outcome of its efforts. Identify factors that are contributing to the level of success the city has achieved in addressing this problem. This paper should be 4-5 double-spaced, typed pages.

X. Other Information

See Wright Core Proposal for information related to the Integrated Writing component of this course.