



Western University
SOCIOLOGY 2151a
The Evolution of Cities

8 September -- 1 December 2016

Class Times: Thursdays: 2:30-4:30 PM in SSC 2020

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Course Description:

Along with the "Agricultural Revolution" and the "Industrial Revolution" we have experienced an "Urban Revolution". This course examines the shift from rural life to "Urbanism" as our predominant way of life. Cities are analyzed from cross-cultural, theoretical and evolutionary perspectives.

Prerequisite(s): None

Antirequisite(s): None

Learning Outcomes:

The goals of this course are:

- to familiarize students with the multi-disciplinary nature of urban studies;
- to introduce students to classical European theorists;
- to aid students in understanding how these relate to the ideas of urban ecologists.
- Students will learn that urban life varies by time and place.

Required Text -- available in the UWO bookstore:

Macionis, John J. & Vincent N. Parillo, Cities and Urban Life (Seventh Edition), Prentice-Hall Inc., Toronto, 2017. (Referred to as M on readings list) \$139.55.

An e-text is available at:

<https://www.vitalsource.com/products/cities-and-urban-life-john-j-macionis-v9780205974696>

180 day rental cost \$67.99 (US)

Method of Evaluation:

Mid-term test (Saturday, 22 Oct. 11:30- 1 PM)	45%
Final examination (DTBA)	<u>55%</u>
	100 %

There will be one mid-term test on October 22, 2016. The specific materials for which you are responsible for this test will be announced in class, but will likely include all that has been covered to that point in the course, lectures as well as text readings.

The test is worth 45 percent of your course grade. The test will be composed of multiple choice and true/false questions. The test and final exam are Scantron graded.

Scantron Exams: A Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams will be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

The Final Exam will be comprehensive, and similar in format to the mid-term test.

Make-up examinations will not normally be given, in cases with documented excuses, which would be approved by the Dean of Social Sciences, the cumulative final exam could be re-weighted. Both the midterm test and the final exam will be of the multiple-choice, true-false format. The mid-term test and the final exams will be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

In keeping with Sociology Department "Grade Distribution Guidelines" , it is expected that the class average for this course will be in the range of 66 - 70 %; should the summary grades yield a value significantly outside of this range, 'systematic grade adjustments' can be made.

Important Policies

A Note on Plagiarism:

Students must write their assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major scholastic offence (the Scholastic Offence Policy can be viewed in the Western Academic Calendar).

Plagiarism Checking:

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (www.turnitin.com).

Policies on Examinations

Students are allowed to use calculators (but NOT computers) during the midterm test and Final exam.

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Policy on Laptops and other Electronics/Phones in Class:

Laptops are permitted in class but if it is observed that students are on social networking sites such as Facebook or Twitter, they will be told to close the lid and they will not be permitted to use it for the remainder of the class. Be sure that all cell phones are turned off at the beginning of class.

Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness

Western's policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness can be found at www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

Students must see the Academic Counsellor and submit all required documentation in order to be approved for certain accommodation: http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/medical_accommodation.html

Accessibility Options:

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 519 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

Information regarding accommodation of exams is available on the Registrar's website:

www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated_exams.html

Scholastic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following web site:

www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Mental Health

Students who are in **emotional/mental distress** should refer to Mental Health@Western (http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html) for a complete list of options how to obtain help.

Course Schedule and Readings: approximately 1 week/topic

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READINGS</u>
1. Introduction to exploring the city	M, Ch. 1
2. The evolution of Ancient/Medieval Cities	M, Ch. 2 & pp. 233-244
3. The of cities through the 19th Century	M, pp. 53-62
4. Urban Ecology/Theories of City Growth	M, Ch. 5, 6 (2 weeks)

Oct. 10 THANKSGIVING

Saturday, OCTOBER 22 - 11:30 AM – 1 PM: MID-TERM TEST

5. Growth of North American Cities; Metropolii & Megalopolii	M, pp. 62-84
6. Suburbs and beyond	M, Ch. 4 & pp.223-225
7. Single-industry Towns	TBA
8. World Urbanization	M, Ch. 13
9. Urban planning and the future of the city	M, Ch. 14

THERE IS NO ROUTINE PROVISION FOR MAKE-UP EXAMINATIONS, or TESTS