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Introduction to Urban Studies
UST200 Section 50 T-Th 6 – 7:50 pm
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Course Description: This Course is designed to introduce the student to the field of Urban Studies. Urban Studies is an interdisciplinary field that draws from many disciplines including psychology, political science, sociology, economics, anthropology, communications, and geography. This approach is used to study and come to a better understanding of the problems facing cities today and the opportunities that exist within them.

Course Objective: The objective of the course is to allow the student to understand the origins of the city, the dynamics of its growth, and the problems that lead to decline. This course places a special emphasis on the “roots of contemporary African American community problems.” It also seeks to allow the student to incorporate the field of urban studies with their everyday experience.

Course Method: This course will combine lectures by the instructor with class discussions and speaker presentations. Students *are expected to and strongly encouraged* to participate in class discussions.

Grading Policy: Grades are based on the results of tests, homework, two exercises, and class participation. There will be three tests given (two throughout the semester and the final). The grade will consist of the following;

Midterm #1	10%
Midterm #2	15%
Final	25%
Homework	10%
Exercise 1	10%
Exercise 2	15%
Class participation	15%

Exam attendance is required. Makeup exams will **only** be given with the prior approval of the instructor. Assignments are due on the date noted in the syllabus. Late submission will result in a 5% grade penalty *per week* that the assignment is late. Final submission dates are noted in the syllabus. Work not turned in by that date **will not** be accepted.

Homework: Homework exercises are drawn from the Workbook that accompanies your text. Assignments are noted on the class schedule with due dates. Copies will be on Course Reserve at the University Library and are available through their on line (internet) service.

Exercises: There are two exercises that will be distributed throughout the semester. These will be distributed in class as noted in the syllabus and are due on the dates noted. All exercises must be double-spaced and word-processed or typed. Please be sure to check your grammar and punctuation. Spell check your work! Points will be deducted for lack of attention to spelling and grammar. If you wish you may submit your work via email to the addresses listed at the top of the syllabus.

Class Schedule and Readings

August 30 to September 3: Course Overview and Expectations. History of the city

Read: Epilogue, Chapter 1, Chapter 12
Homework #1: Chapter 12: Exercises 12.2, 12.6

September 6 to September 10: Our perceptions of the city

Read: Chapter 13
September 6: Labor Day, no Class
September 9: Homework #1 is due. Exercise 1 will be distributed.
September 10 last day to drop without appearance on transcript

September 13 to September 17: Our perceptions of people in the city

Read Chapter 14
September 14: Exercise 1 is due
Homework # 2: Chapter 13 Exercise 13.3 and 13.4

September 20 to September 24: Social Construction of the City

September 21: Homework #2 is due

September 27 to October 1: Midterm #1

Read: Chapter 11
September 28: Test review
September 30: Test # 1

October 4 to October 8: The Rule of Law.

Read: Chapter 9
Homework #3: Chapter 9 Exercise 9.1 and 9.3

October 11 to October 15: Governmental structures of cities

Read Chapter 7
October 11 No Class Columbus Day
October 12: Homework #3 Due
Homework #4: Chapter 7 complete all key terms

October 18 to October 22: What should government do?

Read: Chapter 6

October 19: Homework #4 is due

October 25 to October 29: Planning the city

November 1 to November 5: Models of spatial development

Read: Chapter 5

November 2: Test Review

November 4: Test #2

November 5: Last day to drop with W on transcript

November 11 No class – Veteran's day

November 8 to November 12: Models of spatial development

Read Chapter 10

Homework #5: Chapter 5 Exercise 5.2 and 5.3

November 15 to November 19: Economic development in the city

Read Chapter 8

November 16: Exercise 2 will be distributed

November 18: Homework #5 is due

November 22 to November 26: The environment

November 22: Exercise 2 is due

November 25 -26 Thanksgiving Recess

November 29 to December 3: The environment

Read Chapter 2

November 30th: Last day to submit homework assignments

December 6 to December 10: The city in a world context

December 7: Last day to submit Exercise 1 or 2

December 10: Review for final

Thursday, December 16: Final exam, 6-8 p.m.