

**CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF URBAN STUDIES
FALL SEMESTER 2005**

Introduction to Urban Studies

UST 200 Section 1

Time: MWF 9:45-10:50

Dively Room 112

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TEXTBOOK REQUIRED

Steinbacher, Roberta and Virginia O. Benson, 1995. Introduction to Urban Studies, Second Edition, Dubuque, Iowa, Kendall Hunt Publishing, Co. This text has a workbook that contains the homework assignments.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to the study of cities that introduces the student to the interdisciplinary field of urban studies, which includes economics, history, sociology, and political science. This course emphasizes the roots of the African American community urban experience in our multi racial, ethnic and cultural society.

Course Objectives:

- Explain the functional roles of cities in major historical time periods.
- Provide theoretical tools for understanding the urban environment.
- Identify demographic patterns and the implications of these patterns for community decision-making.
- Review issues and topics related to contemporary urban life. Identify major urban challenges, and identify how urban institutions attempt to resolve these issues.

COURSE METHODS

The class will meet each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (except for holidays) beginning August 29, 2005, from 9:45am until 10:50 am in Dively Room 112. Methods will include lectures by the instructor with class discussions and computer aided learning

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance and punctuality are expected in all classes. If a student is absent, he/she is responsible for any assignments due during his/her absence.

All textbook chapters, and any other assigned reading materials, should be read prior to class in preparation for class discussion.

Students are expected to prepare all written assignments, with the requested number of pages, on time. Five points will be deducted for any late assignments. All papers must be word processed, double spaced, and checked for spelling and grammatical errors.

Assignments

1. **Family History (15%)** Write a brief (3-5 page typed, double-spaced) essay discussing your family's migration to the Cleveland area. Include information on your family's ethnicity or nationality, where you and your family were born, and when, why, and how they came to Cleveland, what family members do for a living, and what they hope for in the future. This is worth 15 percent of the final course grade. **Due: Friday September 30, 2005.**
2. **Urban Issues Group Project (20%)** Students will divide into groups of 5 or 6 (depending on class size). Each group will select a contemporary Urban Issue and write an eight-to-ten page paper (typed, double-spaced, with bibliographic references) on this topic. The paper should discuss the various, social, economic, and political aspects of the issue. The paper should also discuss the racial/ethnic dimensions of this issue. Each group will make a short (no more than 15-minute) presentation to the class. Each student is to contribute to the completion of this project. Every one in the group will receive the same grade. There is one exception to this. If one person does not do any work or does close to nothing, then that person will get a 0 and the others will be graded for their contribution. The project will represent 20 percent of the course grade. Paper Due: Friday November 4, 2005.

Grades will be based upon the following:

Grade Scale

Homework and Class Participation	15%	A 94 – 100	C 74-70 D 69 –60
Written Assignments:	35%	A-90 – 93	Below F
Midterm:	25%	B+ 86 –89	
Final:	25%	B 85 –80 B-79 -75	

Class Schedule and Readings

August 29 to September 2: History of the City

Course Overview and Expectations

Read: Epilogue, Chapter 1,

Homework # 1: Chapter 1 Key Terms, and Exercises 1.1, and 1.8;

September 5 to 9: History of the City

No class on Sept. 5

Homework # 1 is due Sept. 9

Video: The Legacy of Egypt

September 12 to 16: Urban Sociology

Read: Chapter 13

Homework # 2: Chapter 13 Key Terms and Exercises 13.3 and 13.4

Guest Speaker

September 19 to 23: The City Looks Ahead (Urban Planning)

Read: Chapter 6

Homework # 2 is due

Homework # 3: Chapter 6 Key Terms and Exercises 6.2 and 6.4

Guest Speaker

September 26 to 30: The City and Its Public Works

Read: Chapter 7

Homework # 3 is due

Homework # 4: Chapter 7 Key Terms and Exercise 7.3

No Class September 26 and 28, Prepare for Assignments

September 30: Assignment # 1 is due and

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October 3 to 7: The City and Its Public Works

Homework # 4 is due

Midterm Review

No Class October 7

October 5, Midterm Exam

October 10 to 14: Urban Economic Development

Read: Chapter 10

Columbus Day October 10, no class

October 17 to 21: The City Protects and Regulates Itself

Read: Chapter 8, and Chapter 11

October 24 to 28: Psychology of the City

Read: Chapter 12

October 31 to November 4: City Governance

Read: Chapter 9

Guest Speaker

November 4, Assignment # 2 is due, Urban Issues paper

November 7 to 11: Diversity and the City (Anthropology)

Read: Chapter 14

November 14 to 18: The City Faces Its Future and Cities of the World

Read: Chapter 15 and 16

November 21 to 23: Class presentations

November 25 Thanks giving Recess

November 28 to December 2: Class presentations

December 5 to 9

Review for Final Exam

December 7 Final Exam