

FST 365  
Spring 2002  
First College  
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INTRODUCTION TO URBAN STUDIES:  
CHANGING URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS

MEETING TIME: Tuesday, Thursday 9-11:30 AM  
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to introduce students to issues related to the dynamics of change in urban neighborhoods in the United States. The primary focus will be on older, industrialized cities like Cleveland which are undergoing transformation.

The first part of the course will cover such subjects as:

- the history and evolution of urban neighborhoods;
- patterns and dynamics of neighborhood change;
- the decline and revitalization of neighborhoods;
- the organization and organizing of neighborhoods;
- urban neighborhoods and their relation to cities, metropolitan regions, and state and national influences.

The second part of the course will consist primarily of field research. Student teams will study issues affecting the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood of SE Cleveland. The latest available census data on Broadway-Slavic Village will be provided by the Northern Ohio Data and Information Service (NODIS) of the Levin College of Urban Affairs. Students will tour the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood, meet

representatives of the Slavic Village Development (SVD) organization, and prepare reports on the issues that they research. Based upon what they learn, students will analyze current issues and future prospects for the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood.

## COURSE READINGS

The required texts available at CSU's Barnes and Noble bookstore are:

1. W. Dennis Keating, Norm Krumholz, and Phil Star, eds., *Revitalizing Urban Neighborhoods* (University Press of Kansas, 1996);
2. Peter Medoff and Holly Sklar, *Streets of Hope: The Fall and Rise of an Urban Neighborhood* (South End Press, 1994)
3. Ray Suarez, *The Old Neighborhood: What We Lost in the Great Suburban Migration: 1966-1999* (Free Press, 1999).

Recommended readings are:

1. Paul S. Grogan and Tony Proscio. *Comeback Cities: A Blueprint for Urban Neighborhood Revival* (Westview Press, 2000);
2. W. Dennis Keating and Norman Krumholz, eds. *Rebuilding Urban Neighborhoods: Achievements, Opportunities, and Limits* (Sage Publications, 1999);
3. David Rusk. *Inside Game, Outside Game: Winning Strategies for Saving Urban America* (Brookings Institution Press, 1999);
4. Herbert Rubin, *Renewing Hope Within Neighborhoods of Despair* (SUNY Press, 2000).

## COURSE METHODS AND GOALS

The first part of the course will consist largely of lectures by the instructors, discussion of required readings, presentations by guest speakers, and films.

The second half of the course will focus primarily on the field research in Broadway-Slavic Village. Students, individually and in teams, will choose research topics (provided by the instructors) and conduct field research. They will meet regularly with the instructors. At the end of the semester, each team will present its research findings in class, as well as submit a written report.

The goal of the course is to familiarize students with urban neighborhoods and information resources and research methods which allow for an analysis of their past, present, and future.

### Assignments and Grading

Each student will be required to:

1. Take a midterm test (March 5)[25% of the final grade];
2. Write an analytical report on a relevant selected reading [10% of the final grade](DUE: March 19);
3. Participate in the research and writing of a field research report on a selected topic related to Broadway-Slavic Village and present the findings in class on April 25 [25% of the final grade];
4. Write an essay analyzing the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood, based upon the issues identified, the information produced during the class, and the readings (DUE May 9)[40% of the final grade].

### FST 365 Course Schedule

#### JANUARY

##### 15 Introduction

READ: REVITALIZING URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS (RUN) –  
Introduction

##### 17 History of Urban Neighborhoods in the United States

READ: RUN – Chapter 1 (Miggins)

##### 22 Cleveland Neighborhoods: Historical Origins, Evolution and Contemporary Trends

READ: RUN – Chapter 1

24 Neighborhoods in Transition

READ: RUN – Chapter 2 (Keating and Smith)

Suarez, THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD (1999)(especially Ch. 8 on Cleveland neighborhoods)

FILM: LIKE BUBBLES IN THE WINE (Buckeye-Woodland, Cleveland)

30 Neighborhood Organizing and Organizations

READ: RUN – Chapter 3 (Fisher)

FILM: METROPOLITAN AVENUE (Brooklyn, NY)

31 Neighborhood Development, Neighborhood Planning, and Organizations

READ: RUN – Chapters 9-12 (Thomas & Blake, Vidal, Goetz, and Bratt)

VIDEO: BUILDING HOPE (CDCs)

FEBRUARY

5 Dudley Street, Roxbury, Boston

FILM: HOLDING GROUND: THE

REBUILDING OF DUDLEY STREET (Boston, MA)

READ: Peter Medoff and Holly Sklar, STREETS OF HOPE: THE FALL AND RISE OF AN URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD (1994)

7 Neighborhood Planning, Community Building, and Asset Mapping

READ: RUN – Chapters 7 (Fainstein and Hirst) and 8 (Leavitt)

John McKnight and John Kretzmann, BUILDING

COMMUNITIES FROM THE INSIDE OUT (1993)

[excerpts and video]

SPEAKER: Phil Star

12 Federal Policy and Neighborhoods

READ: RUN – Chapter 4 (Keating and Smith)

REFERENCE: Keating and Krumholz (1999), Chapters 1, 2, and 12

14 Suburbanization, Redlining and Community Reinvestment  
READ: RUN – Chapter 14 (Squires), Suarez (Ch. 1)

19 Urban Neighborhoods and City Politics  
READ: RUN – Chapters 5 (Dreier) and 6 (Giloith)

Community Development Corporations (revisited)  
REFERENCES: Vidal, David Rusk, and Grogan and Proscio (2000)

21 Urban Neighborhoods, Cities and Metropolitan Regions  
READ: RUN – Chapter 13 (Krumholz)  
REFERENCE: David Rusk, Inside Game/Outside Game:  
Winning Strategies for Saving Urban America (Brookings  
Institution 1999)  
SPEAKER: Tom Bier

26 Cleveland's Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood  
READ: 1990 U.S. Census profile, Broadway-Slavic Village profile, and  
SVD handouts  
Suarez, Ch. 8 (pp. 172-181)  
Speaker(s): TBA from SVD

28 Tour of Cleveland's Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood

## MARCH

5 Midterm EXAM, Broadway-Slavic Village Research Projects

7 The Eco-Village in Detroit Shoreway, The Ohio Canal Corridor  
SPEAKER(S): TBA

12, 14 CSU Spring Break Week (No classes)

19 Organization of Broadway-Slavic Village field research projects/teams

21, 26, 28 Broadway-Slavic Village Field Work

## APRIL

2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 Broadway-Slavic Village Field Work

23 In Class organization of results of Broadway-Slavic Village Field Work

25 In Class presentation of Broadway-Slavic Village Field Work results

30 Discussion of the Future of Urban Neighborhoods

    READ: RUN – Chapter 15 (Krumholz and Star), Suarez, Ch. 12

    W. Dennis Keating, “The Dilemma of Old, Urban Neighborhoods”

    3 Washington University Journal of Law & Policy 699-708 (2000)

## MAY

2 Discussion of the Future of Broadway-Slavic Village

9 Final paper on the future of Broadway-Slavic Village DUE