

Syllabus
Introduction to Urban Studies
UST 200 Section 50, 750, 751
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TEXTBOOK REQUIRED

Steinbacher, Roberta and Virginia O. Benson, 2005. Introduction to Urban Studies, Third Edition, Dubuque, Iowa, Kendall Hunt Publishing, Co.
This textbook must be purchased. The former edition is out of date and does not contain the new information.

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 METHODS

The class will meet each Tuesday and Thursday (except for holidays) beginning Tuesday, January 17, 2006 4:00 pm until 5:50 pm in the Urban Studies Building, Distance Learning Room 243 (UR 243). This course will be simulcast to the Eastern and Western CSU campuses. Students enrolled in UST 200 Distance Learning will be expected to follow the syllabus and course requirements as those attending class at the Main Campus. Methods will include lectures, written reports, oral presentations, supplemental readings, assigned chapters from the text, examinations, and possibly guest speakers. The objective of the course is to review issues and topics related to contemporary life, identify major urban challenges and issues, and identify how urban institutions attempt to resolve these issues.

IMPORTANT

Students with special needs or requiring special accommodations must immediately inform the instructor, as well as contact the University's Coordinator of Handicapped Services at 687-2015, so that those needs may be accommodated.

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.** Class participation and attendance is a part of your grade; therefore, if you are not in class you cannot participate.

Because this is a Distance Learning class students will be seated at tables that have speakers and monitors so that all students will be able to ask questions and participate in class. If there are any problems at your remote sites, notify the instructor immediately so that the problem can be immediately corrected. You can notify the instructor or ask a question in class by pressing the button on the speaker located on the table. Each table/speaker will accommodate two students.

Please check the university calendar for important dates to drop/add courses, late registration, and holidays.

Changes in the syllabus may occur at the discretion of the instructor. Students will be notified of any changes that may occur.

All textbook chapters, and any other assigned reading materials, should be read prior to class in preparation for class discussion. Students are responsible for reading **all** chapters in the book as assigned. Students will have access to the textbook companion site that may be used as a study guide for the chapters. The website for the textbook companion site is <http://urban.csuohio.edu/course/ust200/>.

Students are expected to prepare all written assignments, with the requested number of pages, on time. **Late assignments are not acceptable. Five points will be deducted for any late assignments.** All papers must be word processed, double spaced, and checked for spelling and grammatical errors.

There will be two written assignments due. Assignments will be type written, double spaced, and at least five (5) pages. Assignment number one will be titled, "The Effects of September 11 on the Urban Environment". This assignment is due on **Tuesday, February 28, 2006** and will be presented, as an oral presentation, during class. The second written assignment may be any topic related to current urban issues and will be due on **Tuesday, April 4, 2006**. The title of the paper and an outline must be submitted to the instructor by **Thursday, March 2, 2006**. **Each person must make an oral presentation.**

Grades will be based upon the following:

		Grade Scale	
Written Assignment I:	20%	A	94 – 100
Written Assignment II	20%	A-	90 – 93
Midterm	20%	B+	86 - 89
Final	30%	B	85 - 80
Class Participation/Attendance	10%	B-	79 - 75
		C	74 - 70
		D	69 - 60
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COURSE SCHEDULE

January 17	Introduction to the course
January 19	Chapter 1
January 24	Chapter 6
January 31	Chapter 2

February 2	Guest Lecturer
February 7	Chapter 4
February 9	Guest Lecturer
February 14	Chapter 3
February 16	Chapter 5
February 21	Chapter 5
February 23	NO CLASS / library time to prepare for reports due
February 28	First written assignment / and oral presentations due.
March 2	Chapter 7 and outline due for second written assignment.
March 7	Chapter 14
March 9	Guest Lecturer
March 14	NO CLASS SPRING BREAK
March 16	NO CLASS SPRING BREAK
March 21	Midterm Review / Guest Lecturer
March 23	Midterm
March 28	Chapter 9
March 30	Chapter 10
April 4	Second written assignment / oral presentations due
April 6	Chapter 12
April 11	Chapter 8
April 13	Chapter 11
April 18	Chapter 13
April 20	Chapter 15
April 25	Chapter 16
April 27	Chapter 17
May 2	Final