

GEOG 243 URBAN GEOGRAPHY

Fall, 2022

Class hour: Monday and Thursday 1 pm - 2:15 pm

Class location: HN1022

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Course Description and Learning Outcomes

Spatial analysis of functions of metropolitan areas. Social and economic characteristics of cities and suburbs. Urban land use and the impact of globalization, transportation, and telecommunications.

This course will introduce students to the basics of urban geography, such as definition of cities (including Urban Areas, MSAs, and Micropolitan Statistical Areas in the U.S.), central place theory, urban systems, and traditional models of urban spatial structure (including concentric Zone Model, Sector Model, Multiple Nuclei Model, and Urban Realms Model). More importantly, students will be exposed to contemporary urban topics such as global cities, urban economic restructuring, spatial and skill mismatch, homelessness, telecommuting, suburban growth models, and metropolitan governance and planning. Emphasis will be placed on the urban experience of developed countries, especially the U.S., although urban issues and models such as false urbanization and the Model of Latin American Cities are also discussed.

Prerequisite

GEOG 101 or permission of instructor.

Required Textbook

Kaplan and Holloway, *Urban Geography*. Wiley, 3rd edition, 2014. ISBN: 978-1-118-57385-3 (Paperback) or 978-1-118-86514-9 (E-Text).

Course Evaluation

Grade will be based on the following Criteria. One may strengthen the grade by meaningful class discussions.

Midterm exam (Monday, Oct. 24, subject to change)	40%
Final exam (Thursday, Dec. 15, 1:45 to 3 p.m., same classroom)	40%
Paper	20%

1. A make-up exam for the midterm or final requires instructor's consent ahead of time and will be given in an oral exam format in instructor's office during office hours.

2. Each student is required to write a 3-page (double spaced, 12 point font) review of two related articles published in academic journals since 2010 on an urban topic discussed in the course. A hard copy of the paper is due at the beginning of the last class on Dec. 12. Late papers will be marked down 10% each day.

4. Class attendance is mandatory. Students are responsible for obtaining any information presented in class during an absence.
5. The only students who will be eligible for CR/NC at the end of the semester are those who have completed both exams and the paper. Please consult <https://hunter.cuny.edu/students/registration/register-for-classes/credit-no-credit/#instructions>.
6. No incomplete (IN) is given as a grade unless it is under the most extraordinary, and documented, circumstances. To request IN as a grade, please complete a Contract to Resolve Incomplete Grades form at <http://www.geo.hunter.cuny.edu/forms/Contract%20to%20Resolve%20Incomplete.pdf> and email it to the instructor before the final exam.


Schedule

Chapter 1: Introduction to Urban Geography
Chapter 3: Evolution of the American Urban System
Chapter 4: Globalization and the Urban System
Chapter 4.5: Urban Transportation (not in the textbook)
Chapter 5: Urban Land Use
Chapter 6: Landscapes of Production
Chapter 7: Foundations of Urban Social Landscapes
Chapter 8: Urban Housing Markets
Chapter 11: Metropolitan Governance and Fragmentation

Notes on Schedule

September 5 (Monday): college closed, no class.
September 26 (Monday): no classes scheduled at Hunter College.
October 10 (Monday): college closed, no class.
November 24 (Thursday): college closed, no class.
Dec. 12 (Monday): last class for this course.

How to Use Blackboard to Access Your Grades and Course Information

1. Follow the instructions on <http://bb.hunter.cuny.edu> to access Blackboard;
2. To view your grades, click [My Grades](#), and then click [GEOG243 Urban Geography](#);
3. To access course announcements, click [GEOG243 Urban Geography](#), then click [Announcements](#) on the left.
4. To access course documents, click [GEOG243 Urban Geography](#), and then click [Course Information](#) on the left.
5. To access lecture recordings (only for days if/when classes are online), click [GEOG243 Urban Geography](#), then click [Tools](#) on the left, click [Blackboard Collaborate Ultra](#) /three line bar [Menu](#)  / [Recordings](#).
6. When you are done, click “Logout” at the top to exit your account, and then close the Internet browser.

Email Policy

Students should check the Announcements section in Blackboard and the course syllabus before emailing the instructor. Content of the emails is limited to what has not been covered and cannot be covered in class or during office hours. Emails are generally replied to within one business day and no later than two business days. Remember to include the course title and class time in the subject line and sign your full name as it appears in CUNYFirst.

Hunter College Policy on Academic Integrity

Hunter College regards acts of academic dishonesty (e.g., plagiarism, cheating on examinations, obtaining unfair advantage, and falsification of records and official documents) as serious offenses against the values of intellectual honesty. The College is committed to enforcing the CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity and will pursue cases of academic dishonesty according to the Hunter College Academic Integrity Procedures.

ADA Policy

In compliance with the American Disability Act of 1990 (ADA) and with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Hunter College is committed to ensuring educational parity and accommodations for all students with documented disabilities and/or medical conditions. It is recommended that all students with documented disabilities (Emotional, Medical, Physical, and/or Learning) consult the Office of AccessABILITY, located in Room E1214B, to secure necessary academic accommodations. For further information and assistance, please call: (212) 772- 4857 or (212) 650-3230.

Hunter College Policy on Sexual Misconduct

“In compliance with the CUNY Policy on Sexual Misconduct, Hunter College reaffirms the prohibition of any sexual misconduct, which includes sexual violence, sexual harassment, and gender-based harassment retaliation against students, employees, or visitors, as well as certain intimate relationships. Students who have experienced any form of sexual violence on or off campus (including CUNY-sponsored trips and events) are entitled to the rights outlined in the Bill of Rights for Hunter College.

a. Sexual Violence: Students are strongly encouraged to immediately report the incident by calling 911, contacting NYPD Special Victims Division Hotline (646-610-7272) or their local police precinct, or contacting the College's Public Safety Office (212-772-4444).

b. All Other Forms of Sexual Misconduct: Students are also encouraged to contact the College's Title IX Campus Coordinator, Dean John Rose (jtrose@hunter.cuny.edu or 212-650-3262) or Colleen Barry (colleen.barry@hunter.cuny.edu or 212-772-4534) and seek complimentary services through the Counseling and Wellness Services Office, Hunter East 1123.

CUNY Policy on Sexual Misconduct Link: <http://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/la/Policy-on-SexualMisconduct-12-1-14-with-links.pdf>

Syllabus Change Policy

Except for changes that substantially affect implementation of the evaluation (grading) criteria, this syllabus is a guide for the course and is subject to change with advance notice. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in class and/or posted in Blackboard under Announcements.