Course description:
This is a lower-division geography class designed to broaden your knowledge and understanding of global urbanization and urban form. The class will cover eleven different major world regions, exploring the significant urban patterns and processes, built and natural environments, and social, economic, and cultural landscapes of each. This course meets the General Education requirement for Social & Behavioral Sciences.

Course objectives:
• To understand cities as systems within systems of cities;
• To compare urban development among cities in the developed and developing worlds;
• To understand and explain urban spatial processes in a variety of contexts;
• To come to know a particular city in detail and present that knowledge to peers; and
• To appreciate the problems and opportunities facing urban dwellers around the world.

Required materials:
There is one required textbook available at the campus bookstore: Cities of the World: World Regional Urban Development by Brunn, Hays-Mitchell, and Zeigler, 5th edition. Previous editions do not have the same information: use them at your own risk. A copy of the textbook is on reserve at the Undergraduate Library. Additional required readings are available on Compass, one for each world region. I expect you to do the readings in advance for the class for which they are listed on the schedule below; you will be quizzed on the material and we will discuss the readings in class.

I-Clickers are also required for the course for attendance and to enhance class interaction.

Grading:
Grading will be based on in-class mini-assignments, take-home assignments, and tests. All of these assignments will help you achieve the course objectives and integrate material from different parts of the course. The mini-assignments will be something along the order of a group activity or answering questions about the readings. Their purpose is both to check attendance and to give me an idea of how well you've learned the material. Each mini-assignment is worth 5 points, and you can achieve a maximum of 90 points. Some will use i-Clickers, some will not. There will be 22 mini-assignments in class, meaning you can miss
four without penalty. Mini-assignments cannot be made up no matter your reasons for absence; this is why the lowest four will be dropped.

The take-home assignments will be explained as we go along. The first has to do with exploring country-level relationships between urbanization and various social indicators, the second with the network of world cities, and the third and fourth with developing a profile of a city and presenting your results in written and visual form. Late assignments will lose 5 points (10 percent) for each class day they are late. Plagiarized assignments will receive no credit and may result in a formal report being filed.

Finally, there will be three exams: two midterms each covering part of the course and one final, comprehensive exam. The tests will be a combination of multiple choice and short-answer questions and will cover material from lecture (including any videos shown in class), the textbook, and additional readings as discussed in class. If you are going to miss a test, you must notify me at least one week ahead of time or have a legitimate written excuse (doctor's note, etc.) in order to make up the test. Exams cannot be made up once they have been graded and handed back. Points will be awarded as follows:

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**Expectations:**

I expect you to be on time, ready to listen, with your cell phones silent. I expect you to ask questions if you have them, and especially to offer your comments and ideas. Mini-assignments can only be done in class, cannot be made up, and will not be announced in advance. If you want to use a laptop in class, you must sit in the back row.

On a less pleasant but necessary note: cheating or plagiarism will result in a 0 for the assignment and possibly for the entire course. As defined by the Council of Writing Program Administrators, "plagiarism occurs when a writer deliberately uses someone else's language, ideas, or other original (not common-knowledge) material without acknowledging its source." This includes cut-and-pasting paragraphs from Wikipedia, turning in near-identical work as a classmate, or anything else that entails passing off someone else's work as if it were your own creation. Seriously, if you turn in something that's not your own writing, you'll get a zero on it. See me if you are unsure about what constitutes cheating or plagiarism, or check out http://www.wpacouncil.org/node/9.

Any student who may need extra assistance with regards to meeting the requirements of this course (e.g., learning or physical disability) is requested to speak to me as soon as possible so we can discuss how to ensure you get the most out of the class. Thanks!
## Course schedule

*Reading assignments are in italics*

*Assignments due are in bold*

### Week 1

- **August 24:** Introduction
  - *Chapter 1 (World Urban Development): pp. 1-24*
- **August 26:** North America I
  - *Chapter 2 (Cities of the U.S. and Canada): pp. 51-60*
- **August 28:** North America II
  - *Chapter 1 (World Urban Development): pp. 30-49*
  - *Chapter 2 (Cities of the U.S. and Canada): pp. 60-71*

### Week 2

- **August 31:** North America III
  - *Chapter 2 (Cities of the U.S. and Canada): pp. 71-99*
- **September 2:** North America IV
  - *Milwaukee article*
- **September 4:** Middle America I
  - *Chapter 3 (Cities of Middle America and the Caribbean): pp. 101-124*

### Week 3

- **September 7:** NO CLASS (Labor Day)
- **September 9:** Middle America II
  - *Chapter 3 (Cities of Middle America and the Caribbean): pp. 125-141*
- **September 11:** Middle America III
  - *Paramaribo article*

### Week 4

- **September 14:** South America I
  - *Chapter 4 (Cities of South America): pp. 137-151*
- **September 16:** South America II
  - *Chapter 4 (Cities of South America): pp. 152-187*
- **September 18:** South America III
  - *Bogotá or La Paz article*

### Week 5

- **September 21:** Middle East I
  - *Chapter 7 (Cities of the Greater Middle East): pp. 281-298*
- **September 23:** Middle East II
  - *Chapter 7 (Cities of the Greater Middle East): pp. 298-329*
- **September 25:** Middle East III
  - *Doha article*
Week 6
September 28: **MIDTERM I**
September 30: Russia I  
Chapter 6 (Cities of Russia): pp. 237-254
October 2: Russia II  
Chapter 6 (Cities of Russia): pp. 254-279

Week 7
October 5: Russia III  
*Baku or St. Petersburg article*
October 7: Europe I  
Chapter 5 (Cities of Europe): pp. 189-214
October 9: Europe II  
Chapter 5 (Cities of Europe): pp. 214-229  
**Ass’t 2 due**

Week 8
October 12: Europe III  
Chapter 5 (Cities of Europe): pp. 229-235
October 14: Europe IV  
*Berlin or Malmö article*
October 16: Africa I  
Chapter 8 (Cities of Sub-Saharan Africa): pp. 331-350

Week 9
October 19: Africa II  
Chapter 8 (Cities of Sub-Saharan Africa): pp. 350-369  
**Ass’t 3 stage 1 due**
October 21: Africa III  
Chapter 8 (Cities of Sub-Saharan Africa): pp. 369-379
October 23: Africa IV  
*Maputo or Gabarone article*

Week 10
October 26: South Asia I  
Chapter 9 (Cities of South Asia): pp. 381-395
October 28: South Asia II  
Chapter 9 (Cities of South Asia): pp. 395-415
October 30: South Asia III  
Chapter 9 (Cities of South Asia): pp. 415-423

Week 11
November 2: South Asia IV  
*Bangalore or Thimphu article*
November 4: **MIDTERM 2**
November 6: East Asia I  
Chapter 11 (Cities of East Asia): pp. 471-481
Week 12

November 9: East Asia II
Chapter 11 (Cities of East Asia): pp. 481-508

November 11: East Asia III
Chapter 11 (Cities of East Asia): pp. 508-521

November 13: East Asia IV
Busan or Zhuhai article

Ass’t 4 stage 1 due

Week 13

November 16: Southeast Asia I
Chapter 10 (Cities of Southeast Asia): pp. 426-447

November 18: Southeast Asia II
Chapter 10 (Cities of Southeast Asia): pp. 447-469

November 20: Southeast Asia III
Baguio or Iskandar article

Ass’t 3 due

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Week 14

November 30: Oceania I
Chapter 12 (Cities of Australia and the Pacific): pp. 523-539

December 2: Oceania II
Chapter 12 (Cities of Australia and the Pacific): pp. 539-555

December 4: MEET IN ILLINI UNION
No reading

Ass’t 4 due

Week 15

December 7: Oceania III
Gold Coast or Perth article

December 9: Future Cities
Chapter 13 (Cities of the Future)

FINAL EXAM

Monday, December 14
8-11 A.M.