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11:00am - 12:20pm  
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8:00am-10:00am or by appointment

Course description:  
This is a lower-division geography class designed to broaden your knowledge and understanding of  
global urbanization and regional development. 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 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 texts:  
There is one required textbook available at the campus bookstores: Cities of the World: World Regional  
Urban Development by Brunn, Hays-Mitchell, and Zeigler, 5th edition. Since the book has been revised  
and expanded, previous editions do not have the same information: use them at your own risk. Additional  
readings are available in the folder “E-Reserve Readings” on Illinois Compass. I expect you to do the  
readings in advance for the class for which they are listed on the schedule below.

Grading:  
Grading will be based on group discussion assignments, take-home assignments, and tests. All of these  
assignments are designed to reflect the course objectives and integrate material from different parts of the  
course. The group discussion assignments will always be completed in class, something along the order of  
a group activity or answering questions about a video or the readings. Their purpose is both to check  
attendance and to give me an idea of how well you've learned the material. There will be quite a good  
number of group discussion assignments, and they cannot be made up if missed.

The written assignments will be explained as we go along. The first has to do with verifying the rank-size  
rule for cities, the second and third with graphing and mapping spatial processes, the fourth with
reviewing a film based on a world or mega city. There is also an honors project for those wishing to take this class for James Scholar Honors. This project will involve developing a profile of a world city and presenting your results in written (10-15 pages double spaced) and visual form (powerpoint presentation) to class. Late assignments will lose 5 points (10 percent) for each class day they are late.

Finally, there will be two exams, each one covering about a half of the course. They will all NOT be open-note tests, so take good notes and do the reading as you go along. The tests will be a combination of multiple choice and short-answer questions. 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 in order to make up the test at a later date. Exams cannot be made up once they have been graded and handed back to the class.

**Points will be awarded as follows:**

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**Expectations:**
I expect you to be to class on time, ready to listen, with your cell phones off. I expect you to ask questions if you have them, and especially to offer your comments and ideas. There will be regular group discussion assignments which will only be done in class. 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. End of story. See me if you are unsure about what constitutes cheating or plagiarism, or check out [http://www.wpacouncil.org/node/9](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!

**Grading Scale for Geog 204:**

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|                        | Chapter 1 (World Urban Development): pp. 1-24 |
|                        | Thu Jan 21: Introduction II  
|                        | Chapter 1 (World Urban Development): pp. 25-50 |

| Week 2                  | Tue Jan 26: Introduction III  
|                        | Chapter 1 (World Urban Development): pp. 26-49 |
|                        | Thu Jan 28: Class Discussion Quiz – Chapter 1 (World Urban Development), pp. 1-49 |

| Week 3                  | Tue Feb 2: North America I  
|                        | Chapter 2 (Cities of the U.S. and Canada): pp. 51-71 |
|                        | Thu Feb 4: North America II  
|                        | Exercise 1: Rank-size rule due  
|                        | Chapter 2 (Cities of the U.S. and Canada): pp. 71-99  
|                        | Supplemental reading on e-reserve (Alderman: MLK streets and place names)  
|                        | Class Discussion Quiz – Chapter 2, pp. 51-99 |

| Week 4                  | Tue Feb 9: Middle America I  
|                        | Chapter 3 (Cities of Middle America and the Caribbean): pp. 100-118 |
|                        | Thu Feb 11: Middle America II  
|                        | Supplemental reading on e-reserve (Esparza et al.: Ciudad Juárez and Deprivation)  
|                        | Class Discussion Quiz – Chapter 3, pp. 100-135 |

| Week 5                  | Tue Feb 16: South America I  
|                        | Chapter 4 (Cities of South America): pp. 136-160 |
|                        | Thu Feb 18: South America II  
|                        | Chapter 4 (Cities of South America): pp. 161-187  
|                        | Class Discussion Quiz – Chapter 4, pp. 136-187 |

| Week 6                  |
Tue Feb 23:  Europe I
Chapter 5 (Cities of Europe): pp. 189-224

Thu Feb 25:  Europe II
Chapter 5 (Cities of Europe): pp. 224-235

Exercise 2: Gapminder Assignment Due

Week 7

Tue Mar 1:  Europe III
Chapter 5 (Cities of Europe)
Class Discussion – Chapter 5, pp. 189-235
Supplemental reading on e-reserve (Dura-Guimera: Barcelona and sprawl)

Thu Mar 3:  Cities of Russia
Chapter 6 (Cities of Russia), pp. 237-279

Week 8

Tue Mar 8:  MIDTERM EXAM

Thu Mar 10:  Middle East I
Chapter 7 (Cities of the Greater Middle East): pp. 282-313

Week 9

Tue Mar 15:  Middle East II
Chapter 7 (Cities of the Greater Middle East): pp. 313-329

Thu Mar 17:  Middle East III
Supplemental reading on e-reserve (Bagaeen: Dubai and rapid growth)
Class Discussion – Chapter 6 (Russia, pp. 237-279) & Chapter 7 (Middle East, pp. 282-329)

Week 10

Tue Mar 22:  No classes this week
Thu Mar 23:  SPRING BREAK

Week 11

Tue Mar 29:  Africa I
Chapter 8 (Cities of Sub-Saharan Africa): pp. 332-350

Thu Mar 31:  Africa II
Chapter 8 (Cities of Sub-Saharan Africa): pp. 350-379
Supplemental reading on e-reserve (Njeru: plastic bags in Nairobi)
Class Discussion – Chapter 8, pp. 332-379
Week 12

Tue Apr 5: Africa III
   **Film for review shown in class: Lagos/Koolhas**

Thu Apr 7: South Asia I
   Chapter 9 (Cities of South Asia): pp. 381-403

Week 13

Tue Apr 12: South Asia II
   Chapter 9 (Cities of South Asia): pp. 403-423
   Class Discussion – Chapter 9, pp. 381-423

Thu Apr 14: Southeast Asia I
   **Exercise 3: Mapping Exercise 3 Due**
   Chapter 10 (Cities of Southeast Asia): pp. 425-450

Week 14

Tue Apr 19: Southeast Asia II
   Chapter 10 (Cities of Southeast Asia): pp. 450-469
   *Supplemental reading on e-reserve (Shatkin: Phnom Penh and globalization)*

Thu Apr 21: East Asia I
   Chapter 11 (Cities of East Asia): pp. 471-486

Week 15

Tue Apr 26: East Asia II
   **Lagos Essay and Honors Project Due**
   Chapter 11 (Cities of East Asia): pp. 486-521

Thu Apr 28: Class Discussion – Chapter 10 & 11 (Southeast and East Asia, pp. 425-521)

Week 16

Tue May 3: Chapter 13 (Cities of the Future): pp. 557-597
   Course summary and review for Final Exam

Mon May 9: **FINAL EXAM**
   TIME: 8:00-11:00 a.m.
   VENUE: 317 Gregory Hall