

Hunter College
Department of Urban Affairs and Planning

URBS 101 – Fall 2007

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This syllabus is subject to change

Required Text: *Cities, Change and Conflict* (3rd edition), by Nancy Kleniewski (available online and at Shakespeare & Co. – Lexington Ave. between 68th and 69th)

In this course we will be exploring the historical origins of cities, as well as a variety of social, economic, and political issues that affect contemporary urban and suburban living. Lectures, discussions, and tests will be based on the text and additional resources provided. Classroom sessions will consist of lectures and discussions. Typically we will cover one general topic (chapter) per week (two sessions).

Exams: We will have THREE exams. Exams could include multiple choice, true/false, short-answer questions or some combination of all three. They will cover all material up to and including the classroom session prior to the exam.

Term Papers: You also will be responsible for turning in THREE assigned term papers. Each of these writing assignments is outlined in a separate handout.

Class Schedule (subject to change)

Monday, August 27 – Introduction and overview
Thursday, August 20 – Chapter 3, Cities in World History

Monday, September 3 – no class
Thursday, September 6 – Chapter 3, Cities in World History

Monday, September 10 – Chapter 4, Urban Development in the United States
Thursday, September 13 – no class

Monday, September 17 – Chapter 4, Urban Development in the United States
Thursday, September 20 – Chapter 5, Cities, Suburbs and Metropolitan Areas

Monday, September 24 – Chapter 5, Cities, Suburbs and Metropolitan Areas
Thursday, September 27 – **Paper #1 due and how to do paper #2 – DO NOT MISS THIS CLASS**

Monday, October 1 – Chapter 6, Cities in Europe
Thursday, October 4 – **Test #1**

Monday, October 8 – no class
Thursday, October 11 – Chapter 7, Cities in the World

Monday, October 15 – Chapter 7, Cities in the World
Thursday, October 18 – Chapter 8, Immigrants and the City

Monday, October 22 – Chapter 8, Immigrants and the City
Thursday, October 25 – Chapter 9, African-Americans in Cities, **paper #2 due**

Monday, October – Chapter 9, African-Americans in Cities
Thursday, November 1 – Chapter 10, Changing Social Class Patterns

Monday, November 5 – **Test #2**
Thursday, November 8 – Chapter 11, Women in Cities

Monday, November 12 – Chapter 11, Women in Cities
Thursday, November 15 – Chapter 12, Urban Economic Development

Monday, November 19 – Chapter 12, Urban Economic Development
Tuesday November 20 (classes follow Thursday schedule) – no class
Thursday, November 22 – no class

Monday, November 26 – Chapter 13, Local Government and Finances
Thursday, November 29 – Chapter 14, Federal Urban Policy

Monday, December 3 – Chapter 14, Federal Urban Policy

Thursday, December 6 – Chapter 15, Urban Unrest and Social Control

Monday, December 10 – **Test #3** and **paper #3 due**