



GEOGRAPHY 3597.01

WORLD URBANIZATION

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Class Time: Tu Th 9:35 am-10:55 am

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Prerequisites: No pre-requisites required

Course Description:

This course is an introduction to how urbanization occurs in various global settings. Cities have existed for thousands of years, and the unique geographical, social, political, and economic constraints lead to different urban forms. This course takes a chronological approach to urban development and then helps students develop a generalized theory of urbanization that can be combined with region-specific contexts.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Develop an understanding of why cities develop.
2. Identify the unique processes that lead to differing urban forms.
3. Analyze socio-geographic-economic-political factors that go into the making of a city.
4. Identify and understand various city types of the world.

5. Assess and understand global urban forms from a geographic, urban planning, and/or policy perspective, as well as potential future development patterns.

Lectures, Textbook, and Learning Technologies:

This is an in-person class with lectures. You are expected to attend the regular lectures and participate in class discussions.

Course textbook: No required textbook.

All readings and supplemental material will be posted on the Canvas course site.

You are responsible for ensuring access to the learning technology website and its tools. This includes seeking technical support from OSU staff when encountering any problems. Students must confirm that assignments have been successfully posted or files uploaded to Carmen to receive credit.

Grading:

Students will be evaluated based on their performance through three homework assignments, one take-home exam, one final project, and in-class participation and attendance.

Homeworks x 3	45%
Take home midterm	20%
Final Project	25%
In-class participation and attendance	10%

Letter Grades:

A	94-100%	C+	77-79%
A-	90-93%	C	74-76%
B+	87-89%	C-	70-73%
B	84-86%	D+	67-69%
B-	80-83%	D	60-66%
		E	0-59%

Exams: The midterm exam is open-book and administered via Canvas. Please submit your responses in Carmen Canvas by the deadline.

Late Penalty:

In the event of extenuating circumstances, I will waive the late penalty for students who have requested prior arrangements. If something happens, please communicate promptly and in advance of the deadline with the instructor.

Homework will be penalized 5% (of that homework's score) for every day late and will not be accepted after a week.

The final project will be penalized 10% for every day late and will not be accepted after three days.

AI Policy:

You may use AI services such as ChatGPT to explore and engage with ideas in this course. You can only do so in submitted assignments for homework and Final project. They may be used for pre-work: skimming through large quantities of data and obtaining relevant information to narrow down your ideas/arguments. However, once you have crystallized these ideas and selected your topic, you need to work on finding

data and information without AI generative work. **You can NOT use AI for writing your paper or even sections of it. You can NOT use it as a source of information to back up your arguments. Your sources must come from non-AI publications.**

You may not use generative AI as a substitute for your own writing. You may not submit material created with generative AI as if it were your own work under any circumstance.

Generative AI-assisted spell and grammar checks/plagiarism reviewers/citation generators are permissible- i.e., applications such as Grammarly are okay to use throughout the course. The use of AI generative services such as ChatGPT is NOT permitted for assignments other than the ones listed above and strictly not for exams or certifications. AI generative services must be limited to the abovementioned role for the homework and projects listed. If you have questions- please ask! Failure to comply with AI policy will result in an academic misconduct investigation.

Disability Services:

The university strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. In light of the current pandemic, students seeking to request COVID-related accommodations may do so through the university's request process, managed by Student Life Disability Services. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic, or temporary medical conditions), please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, I may request that you register with Student Life Disability Services. After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion. SLDS contact information: slds@osu.edu; 614-292-3307; slds.osu.edu; 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue.

Academic misconduct:

Understand your rights and responsibilities related to academic integrity and review the university's processes for addressing claims of academic misconduct. The Ohio State University and the Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM) expect that all students have read and understand the University's

Code of Student Conduct and that all students will complete all academic and scholarly assignments with fairness and honesty. Failure to follow the rules and guidelines established in the University's Code of Student Conduct may constitute "Academic Misconduct." Sanctions for the misconduct could include a failing grade in this course and suspension or dismissal from the University.

In the Ohio State University's Code of Student Conduct, Section 3335-23-04 defines academic misconduct as: "Any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the University, or subvert the educational process." Examples of academic misconduct include (but are not limited to) plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration), copying the work of another student, and possession of unauthorized materials during an examination.

Ignorance of the University's Code of Student Conduct is never considered an "excuse" for academic misconduct.

Academic misconduct in any form will not be tolerated; this includes, but is not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations, such as cheating and non-permissible use of AI tools.

All cases of suspected misconduct, in accordance with university rules, will be reported to the Committee on Academic Misconduct. For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct: <https://studentconduct.osu.edu/>

Copyright:

The materials used in connection with this course, including those created by the instructor or classmates, may be subject to copyright protection and are only for the use of students officially enrolled in the course for the educational purposes associated with the course. Copyright law must be considered before copying, retaining, or disseminating materials outside of the course.

Professionalism and respect:

Our primary joint responsibility in this class is to create a productive learning community. You are expected to conduct yourself with professionalism and respect in your interactions with other students and the instructor in your online behavior at the Canvas site.

Differences in opinions and values are part of public life, and challenging ideas and beliefs with evidence is part of learning. You are also encouraged to raise questions. You can disagree with teaching team members *on matters of opinion* and with others in the class as long as it is done respectfully. The teaching staff are the referees, and we may delay some conversations until a class meeting is over—this class has material that must be covered.

Wellness:

As a student, you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating, and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. The Ohio State University offers services to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. Suppose you or someone you know suffers from the aforementioned conditions. In that case, you can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus via the Office of Student Life's Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) by visiting ccs.osu.edu or calling 614- 292-5766. CCS is located on the 4th Floor of the Younkin Success Center and 10th Floor of Lincoln Tower. You can reach an on call counselor when CCS is closed at 614-292-5766 and 24 hour emergency help is also available through the 24/7 National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273- TALK or at suicidepreventionlifeline.org

COVID policies:

We will follow OSU policies to keep our class safe and healthy. Please do your part by following COVID protocols, social distancing, and no eating or drinking in the classroom. If you are not feeling well, please do not come to class, and please contact me and the appropriate health authorities. I pledge to work with you to keep your class experience moving forward to a successful outcome. For more information, please see the Safe and Healthy Buckeye website <https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/>