

Geography 3597.01: World Urbanization

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Course Description:

Geography is a multifaceted discipline with close connections to many fields within both the social and physical sciences. Using this integrative, geographic perspective, Geography 3597.01 addresses urbanization at both global and regional scales. Economic, political, cultural, and historical characteristics of various world regions will provide the necessary contexts in which to interpret the processes, patterns, and problems associated with the world's "urban revolution."

GE Category: Cross-Disciplinary Seminar

Goals: Students attain an understanding of the increasingly global nature of the contemporary world by drawing upon multiple disciplines in an enriching capstone experience.

Expected Learning Outcomes:

1. Students understand the benefits and limitations of different disciplinary perspectives
2. Students understand the benefits of synthesizing multiple disciplinary perspectives
3. Students synthesize and apply knowledge from diverse disciplines to a topic of interest

Required Course Materials:

1. Brunn, Graybill, Hays-Mitchell, and Zeigler, eds. 2016. Cities of the World: Regional Patterns and Urban Environments, sixth edition. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield. ISBN 978-1-4422-4916-5
2. You will need access to a world atlas (published within the last five years). If you do not have an atlas already, you can usually find relatively inexpensive ones on Amazon or at any major bookstore. As long as your atlas clearly shows all of the world's countries and major cities, you should be fine.

Course Website:

You will use Carmen to access assignments, study aids to support the material presented in lecture, and other important class information. In order to have access to the course information in Carmen, you must have an osu.edu e-mail account and appear on the official class roster. If you have any problems with Carmen, send a message to carmen@osu.edu or call 688-4357 (688-HELP).

Evaluation:

Exams : 87%

Lowest Score Exam 15%

Other Exam 24%

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Other Exam 24%

Map Quizzes: 12% (8 quizzes at 1.5% each)

Surveys: 1% for completion of all three (student info. form, pre-course assessment, and post-course assessment)

Grading Scale:

Your final grade in the course will be assigned according to the following scale:

<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Grade</u>
93%+	A
90% - 92.9%	A-
87% - 89.9%	B+
83% - 86.9%	B
80% - 82.9%	B-
77% - 79.9%	C+
73% - 76.9%	C
70% - 72.9%	C-
67% - 69.9%	D+
60% - 66.9%	D
below 60%	E

End Of Semester Grades:

Grades assigned at the end of the semester are not negotiable. There will likely be many instances when a student is within a few tenths of a point from the next grade. I do not round up, nor do I provide opportunity for additional extra credit beyond the extra credit points for the quizzes and extra credit points on exams. Your grade will be based on the points you have earned according to the scale above, no matter how close you are to the next grade.

Testing Center:

You will take all exams and map quizzes at the Testing Center at 585 Student Academic Services Building, 281 West Lane Avenue. You must set up an appointment in advance for each exam and map quiz. When you go to the Testing Center, you will be seated at a computer terminal where you will log in to Carmen to take the scheduled exam or quiz. A testing center official will enter the necessary password to unlock the quizzes and exams. Refer to the **Testing Center Appointments and Information** document on Carmen for more information about the Testing Center and the necessary link for you to make your test and quiz appointments.

Map Quizzes:

For each map quiz, you will be asked to identify the city and country for ten locations shown to you on a map. Keep in mind that all questions will be fill-in-the-blank. You will be given 10 minutes to complete each map quiz. See the *Quiz Preparation Guide* for the exact cities and countries you will need to know for each map quiz. Remember that all map quizzes for the entire semester will be available by the second week of classes, so you can complete some or all of these quizzes well in advance of their due dates if you prefer to work ahead.

Exams:

The exams will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions. The content and format of each exam will be discussed in more detail as exam dates approach. You will be given 90 minutes to complete each exam. Exams must be completed on the specific date indicated on the course schedule, but you can schedule the time that is most convenient for you on that date. The Testing Center is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., so be sure that you start your exam sometime before 3:30 p.m. on scheduled exam days.

Makeups:

Dates for exams and quizzes are listed on the *Course Schedule*; please plan your semester accordingly and arrange times with the Testing Center to take exams and quizzes within the required time frames. Since we will not have class on scheduled exam days, this will help with your scheduling.

Since quizzes are available well in advance of their due dates and they only require 10 minutes to complete, it is unlikely that a map quiz makeup will be granted. You should plan to do your quizzes in advance of the due date so that you do not run the risk of missing a map quiz.

No make-ups will be given without a signed and verifiable statement from a medical professional explaining that it was impossible for you to take an exam or quiz within the required time frames. If you do have a medical excuse (as described in the preceding sentence), you must send me an e-mail message as soon as you know that you will miss the exam so that we can arrange a time for a makeup.

If you know in advance that you will not be able take an exam at the scheduled time because of a verifiable medical condition (e.g. scheduled medical procedure such as surgery), please inform me of this situation as soon in the semester as possible.

If you are given permission to take a make-up exam or quiz, please be aware that it may differ from the original exam in both format and content.

Attendance Policy:

You are expected to attend every class from beginning to end. Attendance will be taken at some point during each class session. If you are not present when attendance is taken, you will be recorded as absent. If you miss part of a class session because you arrive late or leave early, you will still be recorded as absent if you are not present in class at the time when attendance is taken. Please be sure that you sign the attendance list every day. You will not be allowed, under any circumstances, to sign the attendance list at a later date. If you find that frequent absences are unavoidable because of work schedules, frequent illnesses, etc., you should not take this class.

Do Yourself A Favor; Do Not Miss Class!

Lectures will **NOT** be verbal repetitions of the assigned readings. A significant amount of class time will be devoted to discussions of current issues related to the lectures and readings, presentations by guests, and video viewing. Information from all of these classroom activities will be covered on exams. Although I will post lecture study questions and some selected graphics (e.g. maps, tables, & diagrams) after every class, these will **NOT** contain all of the details and explanations included with the original lectures presented in class. For all of these reasons, coming to class is essential if you wish to receive a good grade.

If you must miss a class, **regardless of the reason**, you are responsible for making arrangements **with a classmate** to get notes and to learn of any announcements that were made in class.

Class Protocols:

Use of laptops, tablets, etc. is highly discouraged but is permitted for note taking only. No other electronics of any kind are permitted during class meetings. Please... turn off your phone, be on time, be prepared to discuss challenging issues, and treat your fellow students with respect.

Academic Misconduct:

In accordance with Faculty Rule 3335-5-487, all instances of alleged academic misconduct will be reported to the department chairperson and the Committee on Academic Misconduct. Academic misconduct is grounds for failing the course and may be grounds for further sanctions such as dismissal from the University. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, falsifying data, giving or receiving information during an exam, or submitting plagiarized work for academic requirements. Refer to "Academic Misconduct" in section 3335-23-04 of the Code of Student Conduct. You can find it at http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource_csc.asp.

Students With Disabilities:

Any student who may need an accommodation because of a disability should contact the Office of Student Life Disability Services at 292-3307 or stop in at 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Ave. If you are a student with a disability, you should also contact me privately so that we can discuss your specific needs and coordinate our efforts with SLDS.

General Advice and Comments:

You should use the *Course Schedule* as a guide for studying and planning in this course. I have included the dates for each exam, quiz, assignment, and course topic so that you can plan your time wisely. **Remember to make full use of the lecture support materials and reading study questions provided on Carmen with each course topic.** These have been created so that you will have a clear roadmap to success in this class.

In order to avoid last minute "cram" sessions, review class material frequently and make a note of anything that is unclear or confusing. Discuss these points with me on a regular basis. This way, you can "study as you go" during the semester and be better prepared on exam days.

I am available during the office hours listed on the syllabus. If necessary, we can also set up individual appointments at times other than "official" office hours. You are highly encouraged to contact me after class or via e-mail if you would like to see me and are unable to meet with me during regular office hours. Sometimes, I do not hear from a student who is having problems until late in the semester; by that time, many of the opportunities for grade improvement have already passed. Please see me **right away** if anything seems to be confusing, unclear, etc.

Please feel free to come to my office any time you like, even if you're not having any particular problem with the class. I always enjoy getting better acquainted with my students.

Course Schedule

****Important: For each lecture topic below, find the corresponding reading assignments, web assignments and lecture study aids on Carmen.****

Week	Date	Lecture Topic*	Exams & Quizzes
1	Aug. 21	Introduction	
	Aug. 23	World Urban Development	Pre-Course Assessment & Student Info. Form due (available in Surveys module on Carmen)
2	Aug. 26	World Urban Development	
	Aug. 28	World Urban Development	
	Aug. 30	Europe	
3	Sep. 2	HOLIDAY - - NO CLASS	
	Sep. 4	Europe	Map Quiz #1 (Western Europe) due. Take at Testing Center. MUST BE COMPLETED BY 5:00 p.m.
	Sep. 6	Europe	
4	Sep. 9	Europe	
	Sep. 11	Europe / Russia	Map Quiz #2 (Eastern Europe and Russia) due. Take at Testing Center. MUST BE COMPLETED BY 5:00 p.m.
	Sep. 13	Russia	
5	Sep. 16	Russia	
	Sep. 18	Russia	
	Sep. 20	Russia	
6	Sep. 23	EXAM 1 at Testing Center; no class	EXAM 1 at Testing Center - any time between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (MUST BE COMPLETED BY 5:00 p.m.)
	Sep. 25	Intro. to Less Developed Countries (LDCs)	
	Sep. 27	Intro. to Less Developed Countries (LDCs)	Map Quiz #3 (Latin America) due. Take at Testing Center. MUST BE COMPLETED BY 5:00 p.m.
7	Sep. 30	Latin America	
	Oct. 2	Latin America	
	Oct. 4	Latin America	Map Quiz #4 (Subsaharan Africa) due. Take at Testing Center. MUST BE COMPLETED BY 5:00 p.m.
8	Oct. 7	Latin America /Subsaharan Africa	
	Oct. 9	Subsaharan Africa	
	Oct. 11	HOLIDAY - - NO CLASS	

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9	Oct. 14	Subsaharan Africa	
	Oct. 16	Subsaharan Africa	
	Oct. 18	EXAM 2 at Testing Center; no class	EXAM 2 at Testing Center - any time between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (MUST BE COMPLETED BY 5:00 p.m.)
10	Oct. 21	Greater Middle East	
	Oct. 23	Greater Middle East	Map Quiz #5 (Greater Middle East) due. Take at Testing Center. MUST BE COMPLETED BY 5:00 p.m.
	Oct. 25	Greater Middle East	
11	Oct. 28	Greater Middle East	
	Oct. 30	South Asia	Map Quiz #6 (South Asia) due. Take at Testing Center. MUST BE COMPLETED BY 5:00 p.m.
	Nov. 1	South Asia	
12	Nov. 4	South Asia	
	Nov. 6	South Asia	
	Nov. 8	EXAM 3 at Testing Center; no class	EXAM 3 at Testing Center - any time between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (MUST BE COMPLETED BY 5:00 p.m.)
13	Nov. 11	HOLIDAY - - NO CLASS	
	Nov. 13	Southeast Asia	Map Quiz #7 (Southeast Asia) due. Take at Testing Center. MUST BE COMPLETED BY 5:00 p.m.
	Nov. 15	Southeast Asia	
14	Nov. 18	Southeast Asia	Map Quiz #8 (East Asia) due. Take at Testing Center. MUST BE COMPLETED BY 5:00 p.m.
	Nov. 20	East Asia	
	Nov. 22	East Asia	
15	Nov. 25	East Asia	
	Nov. 27	HOLIDAY - - NO CLASS	
	Nov. 29	HOLIDAY - - NO CLASS	
16	Dec. 2	Catch-Up	Post-Course Assessment due (available in Surveys module on Carmen)
	Dec. 4	EXAM 4 at Testing Center; no class	EXAM 4 at Testing Center - any time between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (MUST BE COMPLETED BY 5:00 p.m.)
There will be no exam during the regular final exam period			