University of North Texas at Dallas
Spring 2016
SYLLABUS

SOCI 3300 – 001 Urban Sociology 3Hrs

Department of	Sociology & Psychology	Division of	Liberal Arts & Life Sciences

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Class Meeting Days & Times:	Thursdays 7:00 pm- 9:50 pm

Course Catalog Description:	Rise of the City, Ecological Distribution and Processes; Suburbs, Metropolitan Areas, Trends in Urbanization.

Prerequisites :	SOCI 1510 or equivalent
Required Text:	Title: Urban People and Places : The Sociology of Cities, Suburbs and Towns (2015) Authors: Daniel Joseph Monti, Michael Ian Borer and Lyn C. Macgregor

Access to Learning Resources:	UNT Dallas Library:
	    phone: (972) 780-3625;
	    web: http://www.unt.edu/unt-dallas/library.htm
	UNT Dallas Bookstore:
	    phone: (972) 780-3652;
	    e-mail: 1012mgr@fheg.follett.com

Learning Objectives/Outcomes: At the end of this course, students will be able to:

1	Understand the origins of cities and the purpose they serve
2	Understand the ecological-human relationship behind urbanization.
3	Understand and compare theories behind the consequences of urbanization.
4	Able to explain and identify the different approaches in studying urbanization
5	Understand how urban conditions shape social interactions.
6	Understand how economic and social structures like race, class, government policies influence how cities are socially and spatially organized; and as to how they evolve over time.

Course Outline
This schedule is subject to change by the instructor. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated via class email or Blackboard announcement. Additional readings and activities may be added, these will be noted in the Readings and Activities/Assignments sections.

Week	TOPICS	Days/Dates
1	Introduction	January 21, 2016 Thursday
2	Chapter -1 Urbanization in western Societies	January 28, 2016 Thursday February 4, 2016 Thursday
3	Chapter 2 : Urban Places and People in Comparative Perspective	February 11, 2016 Thursday
4	Watch a video in class	February 18, 2016 Thursday
5	Chapter 3 : How the United States became Urban Assignment # 1 DUE	February 25, 2016 Thursday
6	Chapter 4 : The Seeds of Urban Theory : Classic Statements About Cities and Communities .	March 3, 2016 Thursday
7	Mid term Exam	March 10, 2016 Thursday
8	Spring Break	March 17, 2016 Thursday
9	Chapter 5 : : The Fruits of Urban Theory : Contemporary Perspectives on Cities and Communities	March 24, 2016 Thursday

10	Chapter 6: Civic Culture and the Politics of Community	March 31, 2016 Thursday
11	Chapter 7 : Among Kin, Friends and Strangers : Social Control in Cities, Suburbs and Towns	April 7, 2016 Thursday
12	Chapter 10 : Embracing the Cultures of Urban People and Places	April 14, 2016 Thursday
13	Watch a Video in Class	April 21, 2016 Thursday
14	Final Exam and Grade Discussion Assignment # 2 DUE	May 5, 2016 Thursday
15	Final Exam	May 12, 2016 Thursday

Course Evaluation Methods

This course will utilize the following instruments to determine student grades and proficiency of the learning outcomes for the course.

Class Activities/Assignments

Class assignments and activities are an important component of this course. One class assignment will be administered in each class. Hence, a total of 8 class assignments will be given in the duration of this course. Each assignment is worth 15 points. Thus, regular class attendance is required.

2. Students are expected to read the assigned chapters before they are discussed in the class and actively participate in the class discussion.

Exams

There will be one midterm exam and one final exam. Midterm exam will evaluate students' understanding of chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 from the assigned readings. The final Exam will evaluate students' understanding of Chapters 5, 6, 7 and 10 from the assigned readings. Both these exams will include multiple choice questions only. Each exam is worth 200 points.

Home Assignments
Students are required to complete 2 home assignments on the basis of the video watched in class. The detailed requirements of the home assignments will be given in class.

Grading Matrix:

Activities/Assignments	Value (percentages)
Class Activities (8) 120	20%
Home Assignments (2) 80	13%
Mid term Exam (1) 200	33.5%
Final Exam (1) 200	33.5%
Total: 600	100%

Grade Determination
A = 90% or better
B = 80 – 89 %
C = 70 – 79 %
D = 60 – 69 %
F = less than 60%

University Policies and Procedures

Students with Disabilities (ADA Compliance):

Chapter 7(7.004) Disability Accommodations for Students

The University of North Texas at Dallas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodations must first register with the Disability Services Office (DSO) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the DSO will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, DSO notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet/communicate with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information see the Disability Services Office website at http://www.untdallas.edu/disability. You may also contact them by phone at 972-338-1777; by email at UNTDdisability@untdallas.edu or at Building 2, room 204.

Blackboard Learn Accessibility Statement:
University of North Texas at Dallas is committed to ensuring its online and hybrid courses are usable by all students and faculty including those with disabilities. If you encounter any difficulties with technologies, please contact our ITSS Department. To better assist them, you would want to have the operating system, web browser and information on any assistive technology being used. Blackboard

Learn course management system's accessibility statement is also provided:
http://www.blackboard.com/Platforms/Learn/Resources/Accessibility.aspx

NOTE: Additional instructional technology tools, such as Turnitin, Respondus, Panopto, and publisher cartridge content (i.e. MyLab, Pearson, etc.) may NOT be fully ADA compliant. Please contact our Disability Office should you require additional assistance utilizing any of these tools.

Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness Policy:
Student's evaluations of teaching effectiveness is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT Dallas. This short survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on how this class is taught. I am very interested in the feedback I get from students, as I work to continually improve my teaching. I consider students' evaluations to be an important part of your participation in this class.

Assignment Policy: (According to the instructor's discretion while working in concert with the division/program's guidelines).

Exam Policy: (Online exams and the ability to retake is solely at the instructor's discretion). NOTE: Online exams may be proctored on campus per instructor's discretion.

Academic Integrity:
Academic integrity is a hallmark of higher education. You are expected to abide by the University's code of Academic Integrity policy. Any person suspected of academic dishonesty (i.e., cheating or plagiarism) will be handled in accordance with the University's policies and procedures. Refer to the Student Code of Academic Integrity at
http://www.untdallas.edu/sites/default/files/page_level2/pdf/policy/7.002%20Code%20of%20Academic_Integrity.pdf for complete provisions of this code.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarizing, fabrication of information or citations, facilitating acts of dishonesty by others, having unauthorized possession of examinations, submitting work of another person or work previously used without informing the instructor, or tampering with the academic work of other students.

Web-based Plagiarism Detection: Please be aware in some online or hybrid courses, students may be required to submit written assignments to Turnitin, a web-based plagiarism detection service, or another method. If submitting to Turnitin, please remove your title page and other personal information.

Classroom Policies

Online Attendance and Participation:

The University attendance policy is in effect for this course. Class attendance in the Blackboard classroom and participation is expected because the class is designed as a shared learning experience, and because essential information not in the textbook will be discussed in the discussion board. Online presence and participation in all class discussions is essential to the integration of course material and your ability to demonstrate proficiency. .

Attendance for this online or hybrid course is considered when you are logged in and active in Blackboard, i.e., posting assignments, taking quizzes, or completing Discussion Boards. To maintain financial aid award eligibility, activity must occur before the census date of the session or term of the course. Refer to http://www.untdallas.edu/registrar for specific dates. If you are absent/not active in the course shell, it is YOUR responsibility to let the instructor know immediately, upon your return, the reason for your absence if it is to be excused. All instructors must follow university policy 7.005 covering excused absences; however, it is the instructor's discretion, as outlined in the course syllabus, of how unexcused absences may or may not count against successful completion of the course

Inclement Weather and Online Classes: Online classes may or may not be effected by campus closures due to inclement weather. Unless otherwise notified by your instructor via e-mail, online messaging, or online announcement, students should assume that assignments are due as scheduled.

Online "Netiquette:
In any social interaction, certain rules of etiquette are expected and contribute to more enjoyable and productive communication. Emails, Discussion Board messages and/or any other forms of written communication in the online environment should use proper "netiquette" (i.e., no writing in all caps (usually denotes yelling), no curse words, and no "flaming" messages (angry, personal attacks).

Racial, ethnic, or gender slurs will not be tolerated, nor will pornography of any kind.

Any violation of online netiquette may result in a loss of points or removal from the course and referral to the Dean of Students, including warnings and other sanctions in accordance with the University's policies and procedures. Refer to the Student Code of Student Rights Responsibilities and Conduct at http://www.untdallas.edu/osa/policies. Respect is a given principle in all online communication. Therefore, please be sure to proofread all of your written communication prior to submission.

Diversity/Tolerance Policy:
Students are encouraged to contribute their perspectives and insights to class discussions in the online environment. However, offensive & inappropriate language (swearing) and remarks offensive to others of particular nationalities, ethnic groups, sexual preferences, religious groups, genders, or other ascribed statuses will not be tolerated. Disruptions which violate the Code of Student Conduct will be referred to the Dean of Students as the instructor deems appropriate.

Technology Requirements: In order to successfully access the materials in an online or hybrid course, UNT Dallas advises that your computer be equipped with the minimum system requirements.

Blackboard Learn 9.1 is the platform software for this course. Blackboard Learn supports major web browsers such as Windows Internet Explorer, Apple Safari, Mozilla Firefox, and Google Chrome. However, since the latter two are updated continually, some recent versions may not be compatible. If you experience difficulty accessing or using components of the course, try using Internet Explorer. Also, no matter what browser you use, always enable pop-ups. For more information see:

- http://www.untdallas.edu/dlit/ecampus/requirements
- https://help.blackboard.com/en-us/Learn/9.1_SP_12_and_SP_13/Student/040_Browser_Support_for_SP_13
- https://learn.unt.edu/bbcswebdav/institution/BrowserCheck/check_full.html