

SOCI 425, Urban Sociology

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Prerequisites: Sociology major/minor

GE: no

Course Description: This course examines cities and metropolitan areas, including the social consequences of processes of urbanization and urbanism. Emphasis on the social structural, cultural, and social psychological characteristics of urban life; spatial, economic and political trends; and possible solutions to inequalities and planning challenges.

The focus in this class will be on:

- How cities and urban areas have evolved over time.
- How urban culture and urban society affect each other.
- The importance of urban space.
- How urban politics, governance and economics are connected and the conflicts that may arise among these.
- The role of urban planning, causes and consequences of growth, and approaches used to minimize negative aspects associated with growth and urbanization.

Required Reading: TBA

Please note: information above is subject to change.