

## COURSE DETAIL

### SOCIOLOGY OF URBAN COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS

**Country**

Italy

**Host Institution**

University of Bologna

**Program(s)**

University of Bologna

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology

**UCEAP Course Number**

172

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

SOCIOLOGY OF URBAN COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

SOC URBAN COMMUNITY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## **Course Description**

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale program. Enrollment is by consent of the instructor. The course is intended for students who have a strong background in sociological theory. The terms of reference for the theoretical part are based on Italy and in particular on Palermo, Sicily, and the Zen neighborhood. The course focuses on the concept of community both in socio-cultural and socio-spatial terms as well as the relationship between the concepts of community and social capital, with particular attention to the question of environment from an empirical point of view. Special attention is placed on the concepts of community and social capital at the general theory level, standard and non-standard research tools, advantages and disadvantages of empirical environment research that focuses on community and social capital concepts. The course is divided into three thematic modules. The first module introduces the concept of community, both as a reference to classical authors such as Tonnies, Weber, and Park, and as a socio-cultural and socio-spatial meaning. In the second module, using the above theoretical framework, the relation between community and social capital is considered in order to develop the connection between these two concepts and the neighborhood, in terms of urban sociology and in the light of recent acquisitions of neighborhood studies. A special section is also dedicated to the question of urban sustainability with particular reference to the relation between the concept of resilience and the neighborhood approach. The third module is dedicated to studies that explore the relation between poverty, neighborhood and social capital through the development of a mixed methods approach. This section also stresses the importance of the distinction between structure and culture in the study of urban poverty. Required reading includes: *COMUNITÀ, CAPITALE SOCIALE, QUARTIERE* by M. Castrignanò, *LO ZEN DI PALERMO* by F. Fava, *CERCANDO RISPETTO* by P. Bourgois, and *I REIETTI DELLA CITTÀ* by L. Wacquant. Assessment is based on a final oral exam that covers the assigned readings and the social research methodology and techniques discussed in the course.

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

Italian

**Host Institution Course Number**

75067

**Host Institution Course Title**

SOCIOLOGY OF URBAN COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS

**Host Institution Campus**

SCIENZE POLITICHE

**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

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