COURSE DETAIL

THE CONTEMPORARY CITY
Country France
Host Institution Sciences Po Reims
Program(s) Sciences Po Reims
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Urban Studies International Studies
UCEAP Course Number 100
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE CONTEMPORARY CITY
UCEAP Transcript Title CONTEMPORARY CITY
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
This course examines the contemporary city, in its highly varied manifestations, in a broad historical and geographic context. It explores the economic, social, and political drivers of urban form, the technological and engineering aspects of urban infrastructure, and the cultural character brought to the cities through the design of their buildings and public spaces. It examines governance and political issues in this context with a specific view toward the formulation of public policy to address the critical challenges that cities face. This is not a broad survey course. Instead, the focus is on specific challenges faced by cities and specific times in history, when rapid development and changing circumstances converged to generate emblematic forms of urban life. Students see common themes emerge, providing them with tools and a framework that can be used to understand urban issues today. A first part of the class reviews case studies of four major cities at a critical juncture of their development. The objective of this section is to give students historical perspective on the dynamics that affect cities and on the recurrent themes in urban management. A second part of the class deals with contemporary cities and contemporary urban issues. The instructor reviews six areas that are driving changes in cities and presents the most advanced current thought in each of these, often drawing from real-life examples of work in which he is involved in a professional capacity. The objective of this course is to give students a better awareness of the city as an historical and cultural phenomenon and of cities as a place of development of policies that having increasing weight and reach. Students learn to better understand the strategic issues for the management of cities today and in the future. The course is appropriate for students who wish to broaden their understanding of cities as places of policy formulation and implementation or for those who may wish to consider careers related to the realm of urban affairs.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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