

COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLOGY OF THE CITY

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of Glasgow

Program(s)

University of Glasgow

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Urban Studies Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

117

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SOCIOLOGY OF THE CITY

UCEAP Transcript Title

SOCIOLOGY OF CITY

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course examines classical, critical, and contemporary urban scholarship to evaluate the sociological importance of the city in the 21st century. Using both international and local case studies, and drawing on an interdisciplinary approach, students are exposed to a range of critical questions pertaining to the past, present, and future of social life in cities. From the early days of industrialization to the present "age of urbanism," the city has occupied a unique position within the sociological imagination. As a site of conflict and community, inequality and identity, and continuity and change, depictions of the city have attracted a distinguished alumnus of scholars: from Benjamin to Jacobs, Whyte to Wacquant, and Simmel to Sassen. For these thinkers, the city represents a concrete manifestation of broad-based social forces that is simultaneously general and specific, global and local. Particularly through traditions of urban ethnography, the city has proven time and again to be a complex, contradictory, and nuanced social tapestry with distinctive social, spatial, and cultural patterns. For similar reasons, the city has also captured the imagination of countless writers, musicians, film-makers, and artists, for whom the city operates as muse, inspiration, and challenge.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SOCIO4113

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

University of Glasgow

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

School of Social and Political Sciences

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