COURSE DETAIL

URBAN SOCOIOLOGY: THE CHICAGO SCHOOL
Country Italy
Host Institution University of Bologna
Program(s) University of Bologna
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Urban Studies Sociology
UCEAP Course Number 150
UCEAP Course Suffix B
UCEAP Official Title URBAN SOCOIOLOGY: THE CHICAGO SCHOOL
UCEAP Transcript Title URBN SOC:CHICAGO
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description
This is a two-part course on Urban Sociology. Students must take both parts A and B. No partial credit is possible. 5 units per part with research paper. Students who complete a term paper are awarded one extra unit for each part. Total units possible for both parts is 10. The course focuses on urban sociology in its historical evolution, the schools of thought and the basic theoretical concepts that have been proposed and developed. Special attention is devoted to the main paradigms connected to the emerging issues in the discipline as well as the main methods and techniques in empirical research on urban and regional phenomena. Part A covers Comparative Urban Sociology: the US and Europe. The course covers the historical development of urban sociology in the United States and Europe, problems of methodology and research, urbanism as a way of life, and its evolutionary phases. Emphasis is on the theoretical writings of E. Durkheim, M. Halbwachs, G. Simmel, L. Wirth, and J. Jacobs, in order to deepen the relationship between humans and the environment in urban areas. Part B covers The Chicago School. The course covers the birth and development of urban sociology in the United States with particular reference to the Chicago Ecological School tradition including an empirical study of urban poverty and social capital. Part B employs a Chicago approach to the study of urban phenomena and integrates it with the contribution of narrative theory in order to produce a mixed method research approach. This part includes seminars on specific topics with the participation of guest speakers and the active involvement of the students. On-going research projects are presented, as well as classical research typical of the discipline. Assessment is based on a final oral exam on the assigned course readings.

Language(s) of Instruction
Italian

Host Institution Course Number
4876

Host Institution Course Title
SOCIOLOGIA URBANA

Host Institution Course Details
Host Institution Campus SCIENZE POLITICHE
Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department Scienze Politiche, Sociali e Internazionali
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