# COURSE DETAIL

| TOPICS IN EUROPEAN URBAN HISTORY |
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| **Country**<br>Netherlands |
| **Host Institution**<br>Maastricht University – University College Maastricht |
| **Program(s)**<br>University College Maastricht |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Upper Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Urban Studies History |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>110 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>TOPICS IN EUROPEAN URBAN HISTORY |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>EUR URBAN HIST |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>6.00 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>4.00 |

**Course Description**
Today, more than half of the world population lives in what is commonly described as cities and towns – concepts which are often vaguely defined. From the first settlements in Mesopotamia onwards, the rise of urban communities has had a great impact upon human life. Consequently, the urban experience draws, and will continue to draw, attention amongst policy makers, scientists from a wide array of disciplines, artists, etc. Urban history is a field of study that aims to answer some basic questions about the nature of urbanized societies. This particular “branch” of History often tends to be multidisciplinary. At least four major approaches exist: a focus on the urbanization process, urban biography (the history of a particular place), a third approach that deals with numerous themes in the context of cities, and, finally, a more constructivist study of cities which suggests that urban centers have been, and continue to be, shaped by notions of how society at large should be organized. In the latter instance, the argument is made that urban planning, for example, has been (and is) informed by social, political, and cultural beliefs and preferences. In subsequent assignments, each of these approaches is highlighted in the context of a discussion of key issues of European urban history. Students also examine concrete examples of how the urban past of Europe was given shape from the High Middle Ages onwards. In the last assignments, the course turns to the discussion of more contemporary problems of urban centers.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
HUM 2050

**Host Institution Course Title**
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**Host Institution Course Details**

**Host Institution Campus**
University College Maastricht

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| **Host Institution Faculty** |
| **Host Institution Degree** |
| **Host Institution Department**<br>Humanities |
| **Course Last Reviewed** |

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