

Geography 324  
Urban Geography: Internal City Patterns  
Spring 2004  
(MWF 1:00-1:50)

**Objectives:** This course introduces students to patterns and activities found within metropolitan areas. Emphasis will be placed on land use patterns and social/economic diversity. Contemporary trends are also emphasized.

**Course Description:** GEOG 324: Urban Geography: Internal City Patterns. Introduction to urban North American land use and social activities. Theories of internal urban patterns, present patterns, and implications for the future. Housing patterns, commercial and industrial activities, urban transportation, political fragmentation, and the potential role of urban planners. Spring. Prerequisite: GEOG 104, or permission of instructor.

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**Text:** Michael Pacione, Urban Geography: A Global Perspective, 2001. Additional readings may be assigned.

**Evaluation:**

Points: total 460 points	Final Grades:
100 First Midterm (Feb 27)	A: 90% or more (415 pts)
100 Second Midterm (Apr 16)	B: 80%-89% (368 pts)
100 Final Exam (11:15 am, Friday, May 14)	C: 67%-79% (308 pts)
30 Book Review (due Mar 31)	D: 58%-66% (266 pts)
100 Census Project (due May 7)	F: less than 58%
20 Field Trip (Apr 9)	
10 Homework: Urban Ecology (Feb 18)	FX: if miss any exam/project
10 Homework: Housing Search (Mar 19)	No NC or CS grades allowed
10 Homework: Urban Poverty (Apr 26)	

All **three exams** will be primarily short answer/essay. A few objective questions will be included. Class participation, field trip attendance, insights gained from homework assignments, and other non-evaluated work may also affect course grade.

Each student must prepare a 3-4 page typewritten **book review** (between 500-900 words) on a book selected by the student on a topic related to internal city patterns. Prior approval of the book by the instructor is advised, but not required. This is to be a critical review, not a summary. See attached materials on reviewing. Submission by email is encouraged.

Each student must complete a **census profile** of an U.S. metropolitan area. Each report shall include at least two census tract based choropleth maps of the entire metropolitan area. Text is to be between 2,000 and 4,000 words. See attached materials for detailed guidelines.

Three **short homework** assignments will require a brief report on the activity. Specific guidelines will be provided for each assignment. Submission by email is encouraged.

The **field trip** will be held Friday, April 9. The class will journey to the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania metropolitan region. This is intended to be an enjoyable, observation-oriented trip. This will be an all day trip leaving at 6:30 a.m. and returning in the evening. This is an optional trip. I will provide documentation for other instructors as required. Field trip attendees will earn 20 bonus points.

Specific field trip objectives include:

1. a university as a growth point/high tech
2. Alleghany neighborhood renewal/gentrification
3. Gold Triangle/CBD revitalization
4. East European ethnic neighborhood
5. Industrial landscape of steel and brownfields

**Policies:**

Students are expected to attend each class. A student with **six or more absences** (for any reason) will suffer loss of a letter grade. Academic honesty is expected in all matters relating to this course. Academic dishonesty on exams or the census project will lead to course failure. Disruptive behavior in class or on the field trip will not be tolerated. Since cell phones and pages may be disruptive, they should be turned off or set to silent during class. Please consult the Pathfinder.

**Schedule and Reading Assignments:**

Part I: Social Diversity and Land Use Theory

Jan	26	Urbanization and Urban Geography	
Jan	28	Land Use Patterns	Chap. 7
Jan	30	Models of Urban Land Use	
Feb	2	Critique of Land Use Theory	
Feb	4	Alternative Models	
Feb	6	Third World Comparisons	Chap. 22
Feb	9	Using Urban Census Data	in Library
Feb	11	Ethnicity in American Cities	Chap. 18
Feb	13	Migration and Ghetto Development	
Feb	16	Immigration: Recent Impacts	
Feb	18	Segregation Continues	Homework 1 due
Feb	20	Urban Policy and Planning	Chap. 8
Feb	23	Comparative Urban Policy	
Feb	25	Sustainable Urban Development	
Feb	27	Exam 1	

Part II: Urban Housing and Neighborhoods

Mar	1	New Towns	Chap. 9
Mar	3	Neighborhood Planning	

Mar	5	Creating Exclusive and Inclusive Communities	
Mar	8	Migration and Residential Change	Chap. 10
Mar	10	Housing Markets	
Mar	12	Modeling Residential Behavior	
Mar	15	Housing Search	
Mar	17	Filtering and Abandonment	
Mar	19	Gentrification	Homework 2 due
Mar	28	Housing Policy and Trends	Chap.11
Mar	31	Housing Production and Affordability	Book Review due
Apr	2	Housing for Low Income Households	
Apr	5	Homeownership and Urban Renewal	Chap. 15
Apr	7	Urban Poverty	
Apr	9	Field Trip to Pittsburgh	
Apr	12	Inner City Issues	
Apr	14	Change and Development	
Apr	16	Exam II	

### Part III: Enhancing Urban Livability

Apr	19	Modern Social Justice Views	Chap. 17
Apr	21	Location and Inequality	
Apr	23	Metropolitan Retail Structure	Chap. 12
Apr	26	The Central Business District	Homework 3 due
Apr	28	Revitalization Efforts for the CBD	
Apr	30	Suburban Shopping Centers	
May	3	Urban Economic Policy Initiatives	Chap. 16
May	5	Urban Liveability	Chap. 19
May	7	Issues in Urban Planning	Census Project due
May	10	Urban Futures	Chap. 30
May	14	Final Exam (11:15 am, Friday, May 14)	