

# UST-1010: INTRODUCTION TO URBAN STUDIES

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## Cuyahoga Community College

**Viewing: UST-1010 : Introduction to Urban Studies**

**Board of Trustees:**

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**Subject Code**

UST - Urban Studies

**Course Number:**

1010

**Title:**

Introduction to Urban Studies

**Catalog Description:**

Introduction to the study of cities and urban areas. Interdisciplinary examination of the development and structure of cities and the issues and challenges faced by urban areas.

**Credit Hour(s):**

3

**Lecture Hour(s):**

3

**Lab Hour(s):**

0

**Other Hour(s):**

0

## Requisites

**Prerequisite and Corequisite**

None.

## Outcomes

**Course Outcome(s):**

Analyze the origins and development of cities and urban areas throughout the world.

**Essential Learning Outcome Mapping:**

Critical/Creative Thinking: Analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to consider problems/ideas and transform them in innovative or imaginative ways.

Cultural Sensitivity: Demonstrate sensitivity to the beliefs, views, values, and practices of cultures within and beyond the United States.

**Objective(s):**

- Summarize major periods of development of the world's major cities and urban areas.
- Identify and describe the characteristics of the world's cities and urban areas.
- Recognize the impact of geography in the physical development and continued organization of cities and urban areas.

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**Course Outcome(s):**

Assess the differing theories and approaches to understanding and managing cities and urban areas.

**Essential Learning Outcome Mapping:**

Critical/Creative Thinking: Analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to consider problems/ideas and transform them in innovative or imaginative ways.

Civic Responsibility: Analyze the results of actions and inactions with the likely effects on the larger local and/or global communities.

**Objective(s):**

- a. Recognize the interdisciplinary nature of urban studies by drawing on knowledge from a variety of disciplines, including but not limited to history, geography, sociology, political science, and public administration.
- b. Examine the role of urban planning and public management in the continued development and management of cities and urban areas.

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**Course Outcome(s):**

Identify and understand current city and urban processes.

**Essential Learning Outcome Mapping:**

Critical/Creative Thinking: Analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to consider problems/ideas and transform them in innovative or imaginative ways.

Civic Responsibility: Analyze the results of actions and inactions with the likely effects on the larger local and/or global communities.

**Objective(s):**

- a. Describe how the city serves the public, and governs, maintains, protects, and regulates itself.
- b. Identify various approaches to economic development and managing public-private partnerships.
- c. Describe how cities and urban areas relate to suburban and rural areas, the larger geographic region, and the world.

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**Course Outcome(s):**

Identify the issues and challenges faced by cities, urban areas and their residents.

**Essential Learning Outcome Mapping:**

Critical/Creative Thinking: Analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to consider problems/ideas and transform them in innovative or imaginative ways.

Civic Responsibility: Analyze the results of actions and inactions with the likely effects on the larger local and/or global communities.

**Objective(s):**

- a. Examine major problems faced by cities and urban areas, including but not limited to, housing, transit, education, the environment, infrastructure and maintenance, crime and law enforcement, etc.
- b. Discuss the impact industrialization, development, and political/social trends has on cities and urban areas.
- c. Discover how various populations within cities and urban areas define themselves and confront social issues.
- d. Examine how population trends impact cities and urban areas.

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**Methods of Evaluation:**

1. Examinations and quizzes
2. Class participation
3. Written assignments
4. Discussion forums
5. Group projects/presentations

**Course Content Outline:**

1. Origins and development
  - a. Historical cities
  - b. Modern cities
    - c. Location theories
    - d. Growth models
    - e. Topography and location
    - f. Geological forces
    - g. Architecture
2. Urban Planning and Public Management

- a. Planning in history
- b. Disciplinary perspectives
- c. The planning process
- d. The politics of planning
- 3. Cities and Urban Processes
  - a. Governance
  - b. Economic development
  - c. Public-private partnerships
  - d. Cities, suburbs, and rural areas
- 4. Issues and challenges
  - a. Various policy areas, including but not limited to housing, transit, education, the environment, infrastructure and maintenance, crime and law enforcement, etc.
  - b. Industrialization and development
  - c. Political/social trends
  - d. Population trends
  - e. Immigrants/immigration patterns
  - f. Minorities and diversity
  - g. Social class

## Resources

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## **Instructional Services**

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