

UST-2640: AMERICAN URBAN HISTORY

Cuyahoga Community College

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Subject Code

UST - Urban Studies

Course Number:

2640

Title:

American Urban History

Catalog Description:

Comparative growth of American cities from towns to megalopolis. Emphasis on the spatial expansion to the development of urban economy, historical functioning of political system and population changes. Includes urban/suburban and majority/minority issues.

Credit Hour(s):

3

Lecture Hour(s):

3

Lab Hour(s):

0

Other Hour(s):

0

Requisites

Prerequisite and Corequisite

UST-1010 Introduction to Urban Studies, or HIST-1520 United States History Since 1877, or HIST-1720 African-American History 1877 To Present, or departmental approval.

Outcomes

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Explain and evaluate the comparative historical development of cities and their development of economic, political and social structures to meet the changing needs of the community.

Objective(s):

1. Describe the function and historical impact of urbanization in major historical time periods.
 2. Evaluate the present crises facing major cities and the potential for change.
 3. Evaluate the reasons for geographical location and how cities and urban functions change over time.
 4. Identify urban demographic patterns in comparative cities.
 5. Evaluate the impact of local decision-making on the processes affecting the city.
 6. Examine the meaning and application of urban values and culture to diverse urban populations.
 7. Identify major urban problems facing contemporary cities.
 8. Explain policy formation and the attempts to resolve urban problems.
 9. Differentiate between effective and ineffective strategies to resolve urban problems in two or more cities.
 10. In a written assignment or class presentation, demonstrate elementary use of urban studies research methodologies in the study of a specific city, including demography, geography, economics, elementary policy analysis, and resource materials.
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Methods of Evaluation:

1. Topical unit quizzes
2. Written assignments
3. Examinations
4. Class participation or discussion board participation

Course Content Outline:

1. Background of the function of cities in western civilization
 - a. Ancient
 - b. Medieval
 - c. Modern
2. Comparison of the city in American history
 - a. Colonial seaports
 - b. Early national era to Civil War
 - c. Post-bellum changes
 - d. Industrial influences and growth: case studies showing order/disorder
 - i. Northern
 - ii. Southern
 - iii. Western
3. The structure of cities and class culture
 - a. Methodologies applied to the study of city
 - i. Urban sociology
 - ii. Urban psychology
 - iii. Urban anthropology
 - iv. Urban geography
 - v. Urban history
 - vi. Demography
 - vii. Politics
 - viii. Economics
 - b. City government: elected, appointed, civil service
 - c. Public participation and social networks
 - d. Private influences: arts, politics and entrepreneurs
 - e. Public/private cooperation
 - f. Political machines and reforms
 - g. Laws, codes, and enforcers
4. People and cities
 - a. Displacement of original residents
 - b. Urban values in urban cultures
 - c. Rise of class stratification
 - d. Immigration and in-migration of workers
 - e. Segregations by race and class
 - f. Ethnic enclaves and neighborhoods
 - g. Urban expositions
 - h. Urban tourism
5. Urban problems and effective/ineffective methods to address issues: application of social science methodologies to study of specific city as case study
 - a. Population density and poverty
 - b. Health and welfare distribution
 - c. Economic waves and human impact
 - d. Urban education
 - e. Crime
 - f. Pollution
 - g. Political behavior: organized and spontaneous
 - h. City and suburb: conflict or cooperation
 - i. Downtown or crabgrass frontier
 - ii. Malls
 - iii. Urban renewal and planned communities
 - iv. Regional services

6. Unfinished business: case studies and models
 - a. Edge cities
 - b. Technoburbs
 - c. New Urbanism
 - d. City and the "Green" environment
 - e. Urban utopias

Resources

Abbott, Carl. *Urban American in the Modern Age, 1920-present*. Wheeling, ILL: Harlan Davidson, 2007.

Chudacoff, Howard P. and Peter Baldwin. *Major Problems in American Urban and Suburban History*. NY: Houghton Mifflin, 2004.

Chudacoff, Howard P. and Judith Smith. *The Evolution of American Urban Society*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2005.

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Resources Other

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