

GEOG/URBN130
The City in the Western Tradition
Spring 2008

Class times: MWF 9:00-9:50am
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Required Text: P.L. Halverson and E.K. Cromley. *The City in the Western Tradition*. Kendall-Hunt, 2002. Available at the University of Connecticut Bookstore.

Learning Objectives: Through this course students will develop an understanding of factors driving the growth and decline of western cities from early urban origins to modern day.

Exams: The exams cover the material of the preceding weeks since the last exam. The final exam is not cumulative and will cover the material of the preceding weeks since the third test. The final exam will be held on **Friday, May 9th, at 10:30am** in our regular classroom. Exams will be 15% of final grade each=60%

Quizzes and activities: There will be periodic quizzes and three out-of-class activities throughout the semester that will account for 20% of the final grade. Quizzes may be announced or unannounced.

Research paper: Each student will be graded on a research paper that is due on Friday, May 2nd, 2008, (see instructions on WebCT for more details). The research paper will account for 20% of the final grade.

Assignment of the final course grade is based on the following grading scheme:

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| A | 93% and above | C | 73% - 77% |
| A- | 90% - 93% | C- | 70% - 73% |
| B+ | 87% - 90% | D+ | 67% - 70% |
| B | 83% - 87% | D | 63% - 67% |
| B- | 80% - 83% | D- | 60% - 63% |
| C+ | 77% - 80% | F | less than 60% |

Course materials and grades will be posted on WebCT.

Statement on Academic Integrity: Students are assumed to be familiar with the University of Connecticut Policy on Academic Misconduct at: <http://www.ucc.uconn.edu/~dosa8/code2.html>. Any form of academic misconduct or dishonesty in this class—as defined by the University of Connecticut Student Code—will be prosecuted to the fullest extent.

Policy on Missed Exams/Quizzes and late work: Make-ups for missed exams and/or quizzes, and late submission of work **is not permitted** except for illness or other extenuating circumstances. Students will be required to provide written documentation for their missed deadline or absence.

Courtesy: you will be expected to arrive to class on time and keep any distractions/disturbances to a minimum.

Special Services: If you are entitled to any special accommodation(s), please let me know as soon as possible.

Tentative Schedule Spring 2008*

| Date | Topic | Assigned Readings** |
|--------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| W, 1/23 | Introduction/Syllabus | |
| F, 1/25 | What is a City? | p. 1-8, Mumford #1 Harris & Ullman |
| M, 1/28 | Urbanization, city growth, and urbanism | Childe |
| W, 1/30 | The Urban Explosion | |
| F, 2/1 | Urban Origins/Mumford # 1 | p. 9-14, Mumford #2 |
| M, 2/4 | Greek City | Kitto |
| W, 2/6 | Greek City | p. 14-20 |
| F, 2/8 | Greek City | |
| M, 2/11 | Roman Empire | p.21-34 |
| W, 2/13 | Roman Empire | |
| F, 2/15 | Roman Empire | |
| M, 2/18 | Review | |
| W, 2/20 | Exam #1 | |
| F, 2/22 | Middle Ages – Urban Decline | p.35-38; 55-57 |
| M, 2/25 | Byzantium | |
| W, 2/27 | Middle Ages – Urban Revival | p. 39-44; 54-55; 58-59 |
| F, 2/29 | Urban Revival (Part 2) | p. 60-61 |
| M, 3/3 | The Renaissance City | p.45-54 |
| W, 3/5 | Review | |
| F, 3/7 | Exam #2 | |
| Spring break | | |
| M, 3/17 | Mercantilism/Spanish Colonial Towns | p.65-73; 92-93 |
| W, 3/19 | The Benton/Map Library/Art & Design Library | |
| F, 3/21 | European colonialism | |
| M, 3/24 | Baroque Cities | p.73-79; 94-96 |
| W, 3/26 | We Built This City: Paris | |
| F, 3/28 | Baroque Cities | p.79-82; 97-98 |
| M, 3/31 | We Built This City: London | |
| W, 4/2 | London/ Choose theme for term paper | Topic Readings |
| F, 4/4 | The Benton/Map Library/Art & Design Library | |
| M, 4/7 | The Benton/Map Library/Art & Design Library | |
| W, 4/9 | European colonialism II | |
| F, 4/11 | Developing country cities/ Proposals due | |
| M, 4/14 | Review | |
| W, 4/16 | Exam #3 | |
| F, 4/18 | No class/Review of proposals | |
| M, 4/21 | American Cities: Before 1830 | p. 84-91 |
| W, 4/23 | Proposal resubmissions due /American Cities: 1830-1870 | p. 99-104; 117-119 |
| F, 4/25 | American Cities: 1870-1920 | p. 104-112; 120-125 |
| M, 4/28 | American Cities: 1920-present | |
| W, 4/30 | We Built This City: NYC | p. 112-116 |
| F, 5/2 | Research Papers due /Review for final exam | |
| F, 9/5 | Final exam scheduled for 10:30 AM on Friday, May 9 th | |

* This syllabus is subject to change by the instructor. Any updates or changes to the syllabus and schedule will be announced on WebCT and/or class. Please check WebCT before each class period. Please also check the UConn main website for information about cancellations due to inclement weather.

**Assigned readings other than the text will also be posted on WebCT.