Urban Environmental Politics
PUP 4209
Streaming and Face-to-Face Course
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Note that the Course Protocols, available in Webcourses, are a part of this syllabus. Please read everything before asking questions—if your question is answered in these documents, I will decrease your grade by 10 points.

Course Description
In this class we will survey several topics in international and domestic urban environmental politics and policy. This will be a unique way to look at environmental politics, because urban areas specifically challenge us to think concurrently about space and geography, ecology, democracy, and poverty. We will focus our efforts on these areas, thinking about issues ranging from sprawl to slums and all the issues that fit within (that we can fit in one semester).

Course Objectives:
The objectives of this class are to develop a literacy of global urban environmental issues, notions of how space impacts social relations as well as the position of urban areas in the polis. Students will build their critical thinking skills through writing, as well as advance their understanding of theory in political science as it relates to urban environments and power.

Required Texts
Textbook
- *The City Reader*, 4th edition, edited by R. LeGates and F. Stout
- *Planet of Slums*, Mike Davis
- *Lawn People*-- Robbins
- *New York Times* at least 3x weekly available on Orlando campus for free; or call 1800 NYTIMES and order the student subscription for one semester.

Assignments **1000 total** **Dates**

Unannounced writing and thinking assignments:	200 points	
Research	600	
Midterm	150	10/26-28 online
Final	150	12/5-12/7

Research in this class will consist of:

1.	Research Design	100	10/8
2.	Annotated Bibliography	100	11/2
3.	First Draft of Full Paper	100	11/9
4.	Poster Presentation	100	11/19
5.	Final Draft of Full Paper	100	11/26
6.	Submission to UCF URJ or SURE	25 EC	

Directions for all assignments will be in Webcourses, and all assignments will be turned in to webcourses; all exams will be taken in Webcourses.

If you are in the face-to-face class, you must attend; missing more than 3 classes will result in one letter grade penalty. Classes will not be held, and therefore there will be no recorded lectures on : 9/3; 11/12, 11/21-23.

Underlined readings are found in webcourses in the Media Library.

<u>Section 1: The Ancient and Beautiful City</u>

Weeks **Readings and Assignments**

1. 8/20- 25: In City Reader (CR henceforth). In the CR, always read the introductions and always look at the plates.
- Kingsly Davis; Childe; Kitto;

2. 8/27-8/31: CR: Jackson; Mumford; Olmstead; Howard

3. 9/5-7: CR: Jacobs; Le Corbusier; Du Bois; Putnam; Wilson

4. 9/10-14: <u>Hurley, "Aqueducts and Drains: A Comparison of Water Imperialism and Urban Environmental Change in Mexico City and Los Angeles"</u>

<u>Joel Tarr's "Urban History and Environmental History in the United States:Complementary and Overlapping Fields"</u>

CR: Engels

<u>Section 2: Energy, Space, Inequality and Ecological Welfare</u>

5. 9/17-21: Dreier et al Chapt 1 from their book, *Place Matters*

Gray and Mosely "A Geographical Perspective on Poverty"

Odum "Tyranny of Small Decisions"

6. 9/24-28 Jaing et al, "Megacity Development:Managing Impacts on Marine Environments"

McGrannahan and Satterthwaite "Urban Centers: An Assessment of Sustainability"

Rees, W. E. (1992). Ecological footprints and appropriated carrying capacity: what urban economics leaves out. *Environment and Urbanization*, *4*(2), 121-130.

7. 10/1-5: Williams, "A River Runs Through Us"

CR: Harvey, Downs, Wilson, and Kelling

8. 10/8-12: *Planet of Slums* by M. Davis

9. 10/15-19: Illich " Energy and Equity" at: http://clevercycles.com/energy_and_equity/

Shilington, 2012. "Right to food, right to the city: Household urban agriculture, and socionatural metabolism in Managua, Nicaragua." *Geoforum.*

Section 3: Climate, Disease, and Vulnerability from Global Environmental Change

10. 10/22-26: IPCC Fourth Assessment Report: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerabilities, Summary for Policy makers

Weiss and McMichael "Social and Environmental Risk Factors in the Emergence of Infectious Disease"

McDonald, R. I., Green, P., Balk, D., Fekete, B. M., Revenga, C., Todd, M., et al. (2011). Urban growth, climate change, and freshwater availability. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 108(15), 6312-6317.

11. 10/29-11/2: Clark, G. E., Moser, S. C., Ratick, S. J., Dow, K., Meyer, W. B., Emani, S., et al. (1998). Assessing the vulnerability of coastal communities to extreme storms: the case of Revere, MA., USA. Mitigation and adaptation strategies for global change, 3(1), 59-82.

Simon, David. 2010. "The Challenges of Global Environmental Change for Urban Africa," *Urban Forum*. Aug2010, Vol. 21 Issue 3, p235-248

Section 4: Exurban Utopia/Distopia

12. 11/5-9: *Lawn People*, by Robbins

13. 11/14-16: CR: Duany and Plater-Zyberg; Kotkin

14. 11/19: CR: Beatley

15. Open

16. Final Exam: Open Online 12/5-12/7