SOC-2510: URBAN SOCIOLOGY

Cuyahoga Community College

Viewing: SOC-2510 : Urban Sociology

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Academic Term:

Fall 2021

Subject Code

SOC - Sociology

Course Number:

2510

Title:

Urban Sociology

Catalog Description:

Analysis of historical development of contemporary metropolis with its challenges to diversity, equality, inclusion, and change. Sociological concepts, theories and research methods used to characterize urban life and examine interrelatedness of social institutions typical of postmodern society. Cross-national comparisons drawn.

Credit Hour(s):

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3
Lecture Hour(s):
3
Lab Hour(s):
0
Other Hour(s):
0
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Requisites

Prerequisite and Corequisite

SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology, or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology, or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology.

Outcomes

Objective(s):

- 1. Identify major issues of the city since ancient times.
- 2. Describe the impact of the industrial revolution and migrations.
- 3. Describe the limitations of research and data in the field.
- 4. Identify micro, macro, and mid-level issues related to the subject.
- 5. Describe why attempts at rebuilding and reforming have failed.
- 6. Describe the historical and contemporary forms and functions of the urban environment.
- 7. Identify the diversity issues related to the field.
- 8. Identify and relate the political and economic realities to the urban condition.
- 9. Analyze the micro and macro sociological issues of the city.
- 10. Describe the impact of migration, technology, and the postindustrial society on the city, the suburbs, and exurbs of contemporary society.
- 11. Analyze historical and contemporary data about urban issues.

- 12. Write critical analysis of at least one issue relevant to city life in modern society.
- 13. Use computer technology to assess and manipulate information.

Methods of Evaluation:

- 1. Small and large group activities
- 2. Group discussions
- 3. Quizzes and examinations
- 4. Journal and/or periodical critiques
- 5. Personal journals and portfolios
- 6. Participant observation experiences and reports at government meetings at community, local, state, national, and international levels
- 7. Critical thinking exercises, written and oral
- 8. Analysis of mass media
- 9. Research activities

Course Content Outline:

- 1. History of the city and its study
- 2. Sociological approaches toward understanding city dynamics
- 3. Ecology of the city
- 4. Institutions, social problems, and solutions in cities
- 5. Problems of intergroup relationships in the city
- 6. Problems of community, cooperation, competition, conflict, structured inequality, and structural contradictions of the city
- 7. Planning, land use, zoning, and other control issues
- 8. Rebuilding and reforming the city
- 9. Politics and economics, policies, and programs
- 10. The future of the city and alternative configurations
- 11. Ghetto development
- 12. Gentrification

Resources

Kasandra, John D., and Allan M. Parnell, eds. Third World Cities: Problems, Policies, and Prospects. Newbury Park, CA: Sage, 1993.

"The New York Times"		
"Newsweek"		
"Social Forces"		
"Population Trends"		

"Sociology Quarterly"

"Urban Affairs Quarterly"

Resources Other

- 1. Field trips.
- 2. Guest speakers.
- 3. Videos.
- 4. World Wide Web sites: whitehouse.gov

Instructional Services

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