



# Urban Sociology

Sociology 215 is an introductory course for students to engage with traditional and new approaches to the study of social life in cities. Topics include theories of urbanism and urban living, segregation, migration, neighborhood effects, gender and identity, and suburbs. Although the primary focus will be on cities in the United States, lectures will occasionally be extended to cities outside of the U.S. Because urban studies draws from additional disciplines, such as economics, geography, and political science, the course will bring in many perspectives when discussing the study of cities. The course expects no prior knowledge about urban sociology or sociology in general.

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Sociology 215 (5)(I&S)

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Tuesdays & Thursdays

1:30pm—2:50pm

SLN: 19682

#### Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites for this class. This is an introductory course, but it is helpful if you read or watch the news regularly during the quarter. Many examples we discuss in the class will come from current events. You will also be expected to think through problems clearly and communicate your thoughts effectively. This course is designed to help you practice these skills.

#### Required Textbook:

Gottdiener, Mark, Ray Hutchinson, and Michael T. Ryan. 2014. *The New Urban Sociology* (5th Edition). Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

#### By the end of this course you should have:

- ◇ a road map of a good number of research streams in the study of urban sociology;
- ◇ greater analytical and conceptual skills;
- ◇ an understanding of some of the major themes and methodological research traditions within the field;
- ◇ increased abilities for theorizing and researching urban people and places; and
- ◇ improved abilities to lead and facilitate classroom learning and discussions.