

Urban Geography

Code: 101578
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2501002 Geography and Spatial Planning	OB	2	1

The proposed teaching and assessment methodology that appear in the guide may be subject to changes as a result of the restrictions to face-to-face class attendance imposed by the health authorities.

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Prerequisites

No requirements neither previous skills/knowledge is needed.

Objectives and Contextualisation

Main objectives referred to three main aspects in regard with the urban geography:

- Description, explanation and analysis of the urban morphology and the urban functions considering different historical moments and at the present moment.
- General explanation of the relationship between the analysis of the city and the analysis of the territorial dynamics directly related with the urbanization process. Different information in regard with economic, technological, political, social and cultural aspects are presented.
- Introduction to the main processes of change in regard with the urban and metropolitan spaces at the present moment.

Competences

- Analysing and explaining today's world events from a geographical point of view.
- Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
- Mastering the necessary theoretical knowledge in order to pose geographical problems in an integrated way and combining a generalist approach with a specialised analysis.
- Students must be capable of applying their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and they should have building arguments and problem resolution skills within their area of study.
- Students must be capable of collecting and interpreting relevant data (usually within their area of study) in order to make statements that reflect social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analysing the main dynamics of today's world from a geographical point of view.
2. Contrasting and comparing relevant geographical data.
3. Identifying the ideas and expressing them in various languages with linguistic correctness.
4. Interpreting today's main events from physical, economic, social and cultural diversity.
5. Posing problems about world inequality, population distribution, urbanisation, etc.
6. Summarising acquired knowledge about the origin and transformations experienced in its several fields of study.

Content

- The city and the urban space in history: the analysis of the urban morphology.
- The mechanisms and agents defining the urbanization process.
- The urbanization process (I): from the medieval city to the modern city.
- The urbanization process (II): from the modern city to the industrial city.
- The metropolization process (I): from the industrial city to the metropolitan city.
- The metropolization process (II): from the metropolitan city to the regional city.
- The city at the present moment and in the future: main problems and challenges of the urbanization process in the 21st century.

Methodology

- Lectures.
- Presentation and discussion of audiovisual materials (documentaries and films).
- Reading books and journal academic articles.
- Discussion on basic key issues related with the materia.
- Practical exercises and essays.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lectures	23	0.92	1, 2, 4, 5
Presentation of audiovisual documents and materials	15	0.6	1, 5
Type: Supervised			
Preparing essays, discussions and presentations	8	0.32	1, 3, 4, 6
Type: Autonomous			
Exercices and practical assignments	15	0.6	1, 2, 3, 4
Reading journals articles and books	28	1.12	2, 3, 4, 6
Study in regard with the written exam	20	0.8	1, 2, 3, 4

Assessment

Evaluation

Information about the assignments and the written exam:

Assignment 1. Handing an essay on one of the books from the course bibliography or handing a comparative essay in regard with the use of different digital archives on the city and the urbanization process.

Assignment 2. Exercises dossier (different exercises proposed by the professor during the course will be presented configuring one single document).

Exam. Written exam in regard of the course material (basic and complementary bibliography, thematic files provided by the instructor on a weekly basis and digital resources provided during the course).

Important notes:

- Handing assignments 1 and 2 is required before the exam.
- The written essay (exam) has a very remarkable importance since is devoted to evaluate the performance of the student in regard with the thematic files and the digital resources provided by the instructor and it directly evaluates the knowledge effectively acquired by the student when considering the contents of the course.

Evaluation criteria

- Rigor and clarity in regard with the exposition of statements in regard with the concepts and materials considered for the evaluation of the materia.
- Capability for proposing examples directly related with the bibliography of the course and other additional materials proposed by the professor.
- Initiative in regard with completing the materials provided by the professor taking advantage of the own individual research.

Revision

When developing every evaluation activity, the instructor will inform the students about the specific procedure and date in regard with the revision of the qualifications.

Re-evaluation

When facing the recovery of the evaluation, students will have to make sure they have presented and have been evaluated in regard with the evaluation activities of the course (corresponding to 2/3 of the global qualification).

When facing the recovery of the evaluation, students will be required to be graded with a minimum qualification of 3,5 in regard with the evaluation activities required during the course.

-The re-evaluation of the materia considers the improvement of the evaluation test also based on the use of the bibliography of the course.

-Having presented the assignments 1 and 2 is required for re-evaluation.

- The qualification 'No evaluable' is only possible in the case of not having presented any assignment or the exam. In the case of presenting some of the assignments or the exam represents not having the right to apply for the 'No evaluable' qualification. Només es podrà tenir una qualificació de "no evaluable".

In the event of a student committing any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade awarded to an assessment activity, the student will be given a zero for this activity, regardless of any disciplinary process that may take place. In the event of several irregularities in assessment activities of the same subject, the student will be given a zero as the final grade for this subject.

In the event that tests or exams cannot be taken onsite, they will be adapted to an online format made available through the UAB's virtual tools (original weighting will be maintained). Homework, activities and class participation will be carried out through forums, wikis and/or discussion on Teams, etc. Lecturers will ensure that students are able to access these virtual tools, or will offer them feasible alternatives.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Assingments	30%	25	1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Exercices and practical assignments	35%	12	0.48	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Written exam	35%	4	0.16	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Bibliography

Basic bibliography (25 books classified in three main general issues)

- The historic dimension of the city, the social aspects and the urbanization process:

Benevolo, Leonardo (1963). *Le origini dell'urbanistica moderna*. Bari: Laterza [trad. cast.

Orígenes del urbanismo moderno Madrid: H. Blume; 1979].

Bonet Correa, Antonio (1995). *Las claves del urbanismo*. Barcelona: Planeta.

Borja, Jordi; Muxí, Zaida (2001). *L'espai públic: ciutat i ciutadania*. Barcelona: Diputació de Barcelona.

Cervellati, Pier Luigi (1984). *La città postindustriale*. Bologna: Il Mulino.

Chueca Goitia, Fernando (1968). *Breve historia del urbanismo*. Madrid: Alianza Editorial.

Choay, Françoise (1965). *El urbanismo. Utopías y realidades*. Barcelona: Lumen; 1970.

López de Lucio, Ramón (1993). *Ciudad y urbanismo a finales del siglo XX*. València: Universitat de València; Servei de Publicacions.

Monclús, Francisco Javier (ed.) (1998). *La ciudad dispersa*. Barcelona: Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona.

Muñoz, Francesc (2010)) "La densidad urbana: de la ciudad de concentración al campo urbanizado". A Fuster Sobrepere, Joan (ed.) *La agenda Cerdà. Construyendo la Barcelona metropolitana* (75-114). Barcelona: Ajuntament de Barcelona/Lunwerg.

Nel·lo, Oriol; Muñoz, Francesc (2004). "El proceso de urbanización". A Romero, Joan (coord.) *GeografíaHumana. Procesos, riesgos e incertidumbres en un mundo globalizado* (255-332). Barcelona: Ariel.

- The specific case of Barcelona (city and region):

Busquets, Joan (1992). *Barcelona. Evolución urbanística de una capital compacta*. Madrid: Mapfre.

Font, Antonio; Llop, Carles; Vilanova, Josep Maria (1999). *La construcció del territori metropolità. Morfogènesi de la regió urbana de Barcelona*. Barcelona: Mancomunitat de Municipis de l'Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona.

Nel-lo, Oriol (2001). *Ciutat de ciutats. Reflexions sobre el procés d'urbanització a Catalunya*. Barcelona: Empúries.

Roca, Joan (coord.) (1997). *Expansió urbana i planejament a Barcelona*. Barcelona: Institut de Cultura de Barcelona & ed. Proa.

- Recent trends and future evolution of the city and the urbanization process:

Clark, David (1996) *Urban World/Global city*. London: Routledge.

Davis, Mike (1998). *Ecology of Fear, Los Angeles and the Imagination of Disaster*. New York: Vintage Books.

Graham, Stephen; Marvin, Simon (1996) *Telematics and the city. Electronic spaces, urban places*. London: Routledge.

Hannigan, John (1998) *Fantasy city. Pleasure and profit in the postmodern metropolis*. London: Routledge.

Lehrer, Ute Angelika (1994) "Images of the periphery". A *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. vol.12 (187-205).

Muñoz, Francesc (2008) *Urbanització: paisatges comuns, llocs globals*. Barcelona: Gustau Gili.

Muñoz, Francesc (2010) *Local, local! La ciutat que ve*. Catàleg de l'exposició Commemorativa dels 30 Anys d'Ajuntaments Democràtics. Barcelona: Diputació de Barcelona / CCCB.

Smith, Neil (1996) *The new urban frontier: gentrification and the revanchist city*. London: Routledge.

Urry, John (1996) *The Tourist Gaze. Leisure and Travel in Contemporary societies*. (1st ed. 1990). London: SAGE.

Zukin, Sharon (1998) "Diversity and standardisation in spaces of consumption". A *Urban Studies*, 35 (825-839).

Zukin, Sharon (1991) *Landscapes of Power. From Detroit to Disney World*. Los Angeles: University of California Press.

Complementary bibliography (10 books classified in three main issues of interest)

- The analysis and design of the city and the public space:

Carrera, Judit (dir.2010) *En favor del espacio público. 10 años del Premio Europeo del Espacio Público Urbano*. Barcelona: Actar.

Zukin, Sharon (1998) "Politics and aesthetics of public space: the American model". A *Real City, Ideal City. Meaning and Function in the Modern Urban Space*. Barcelona: CCCB.

- Urban and territorial planning:

Esteban, Juli (1980). *Elements d'ordenació urbana*. Barcelona: La Gaya Ciència (Pub. del Col·legi Oficial d'Arquitectes de Catalunya) [edició de 1998, revisada: *Elementos de ordenación urbana* Barcelona: ed. Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya].

Indovina, Francesco (ed.) (1993). *La città occasionale. Firenze, Napoli, Torino, Venezia* Milano: Franco Angeli.

Muñoz, Francesc (ed. 2011) *Estratègies cap a la ciutat de baixa densitat*. Barcelona: Diputació de Barcelona.

Newman, Peter; Thornley, Andy (1996) *Urban planning in Europe. International competition, national systems and planning projects*. London: Routledge.

- The city and the Urban Studies (architecture, sociology, ecology):

Crilly, Darrel (1993) "Architecture as advertising: constructing the image of redevelopment". A Kearns, Gerry; Philo, Chris (eds.) *Selling places: the city as cultural capital, past and present* (231-252). Oxford: Pergamon Press.

Galdersonas, Mario (1996) "L'arquitectura d'exurbia". A *Presente y futuros. Arquitectura en las ciudades*. XIX Congreso de la Unión Internacional de Arquitectos, UIA (34-39). Barcelona: Col·legi d'Arquitectes/Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona, CCCB.

Martinotti, Guido (1993). *Metropoli. La nuova morfologia sociale della città* Bologna: Il Mulino.

Masjuan, Eduard (2000). *La ecología humana en el anarquismo español. Urbanismo orgánico o ecológico, neomalthusianismo y naturismo social*. Barcelona: Icaria.

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Escrip'ta Nova. Revista Electrónica de Geografía y Ciencias Sociales

<http://www.ub.es/geocrit/nova.htm>

Any Cerdà

<http://www.anycerda.org>

European Prize for Urban Public Space

<http://www.publicspace.org>

Institut d'Estudis Regionals i Metropolitans de Barcelona

<http://www.iermb.uab.cat>

Institut d'Estudis Territorials

<http://www.ietcat.org>

Departament de Territori i Sostenibilitat, Generalitat de Catalunya

<http://www.gencat.cat/ptop>

Observatori del Paisatge de Catalunya

<http://www.catpaisatge.net>

European Spatial Planning Observation Network

<http://www.espon.lu>

Eurocities

<http://www.eurocities.org>

Euricur. European Institute for Comparative Urban Research

<http://www.euricur.nl>

DATAR

[http:// www.datar.gouv.fr](http://www.datar.gouv.fr)

Metropolis

<http://www.metropolis.org>

Worldwatch Institute

<http://www.worldwatch.org>