Urban Sociology – SOC205H1S
University of Toronto
Department of Sociology
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Statement of Acknowledgement
We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishnaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Métis, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

I (we) wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

Source: University of Toronto, 2020 https://www.caut.ca/content/guide-acknowledging-first-peoples-traditional-territory

Description
The course urban sociology offers the students the opportunity to learn some of the foundational issues and topics in the field of urban sociology. The course initially refers to the emergence of cities in history as well as to a preliminary definition of the city. In addition, the course examines the relationship between modernity and the urban as conceptualized in the classic writings of Simmel and the Chicago school scholars. In doing so, students will learn and study two of the canonic approaches in urban sociology: the ecological approach and the political economy approach. In concluding the course, we focus on gentrification and how it unfolds in Canadian cities from different approaches and aspects (gender, ethnicity, race, regionalism).

The Learning Outcomes of the Course are:
- Gaining seminal historical and sociological introductory knowledge in urban sociology.
- Developing analytical skills on finding the links between different societal processes.
- Familiarizing students with two approaches of studying the urban.
- Developing the skill to compare and contrast the arguments and the empirical evidence presented, by examining one urban phenomenon (gentrification) from different angles and perspectives.
- Reflecting critically on the assigned readings.

Prerequisite: Completion of the course SOC100H1. Students without this prerequisite will be automatically removed from the course without any further notice.
Course Schedule

Week 1 - July 7th, 2020
Introduction and reflective exercise on urban policy dilemmas in the city.

Week 2 - July 9th, 2020
The Emergence of Cities

Week 3 - July 14th, 2020
Modernity, Chicago School and the Ecological Approach in Urban Sociology

Week 4 - July 16th, 2020
Modernity, Chicago School and the Ecological Approach in Urban Sociology

Week 5 - July 21st, 2020
Midterm

Week 6 - July 23rd, 2020
The Political Economy Approach in Urban Sociology

Week 7 - July 28th, 2020
The Political Economy Approach in Urban Sociology

Week 8 - July 30th, 2020

Gentrification


Week 9 - August 4th, 2020

Gentrification in Canada


Week 10 - August 6th, 2020

Gentrification Good or Bad


Week 11 - August 11th, 2020

Debating Gentrification


Week 12 - August 13th, 2020

Final assessment

Course Organization and Policies

Course Evaluation

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Reading Reflection
Students are required to submit one page of reflection on any of the assigned readings of the course. Students are expected to engage subjectively based on their own experience with the main argument of the article/chapter they chose, and elaborate how it relates to their everyday life.

Mid-term
The mid-term consists mainly of definitions, short answers on the link between concepts, and short essay questions.

Essay Paper
In the essay paper students will examine one given topic that relates to the course material, develop their own argument and defend it (maximum 8 pages, double space, font 12).

Final Assessment
The final assessment is based on open questions in addition to answering one essay question. More information will be discussed in detail before July 30th, 2020 with the students.

In case you miss any of the deadlines, please note it is your responsibility to contact the instructor immediately to mitigate the situation. Please refer to the section on make-up tests below.

Submitting the Assignments in French
In case you are interested in submitting any of the assignments in French, please contact the instructor to coordinate.

Course Readings and Lecture Slides
All the assigned readings are available online and are found at the university of Toronto library website and/or the course website on Quercus. The lecture slides and notes are posted on the course website on Quercus and are available to students on the evening before the lecture. Please feel free to download them to insert your own notes and comments during class. In order to optimize your learning process, it is recommended that you read and engage with the assigned readings before class.

Email Policy and Communication
All announcements, notifications, assignments, and other ongoing communication is communicated through and posted on the course website on Quercus. Please check it periodically. At the top of page one of this syllabus you find the email of the instructor and the teaching assistant. Feel free to write us an email using your own UofT email, and to periodically check it as we will use it to communicate with the students. Please consult the syllabus before emailing on syllabus related matters. Allow the course team 48 hours (excluding weekends) to respond to your email.

Accessibility and Accommodation
The Accessibility Services center at the university of Toronto helps and supports students in accommodating their needs. Please take a look at their website and familiarize yourself with their services at http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/as.
Make-up Tests
In case of missing the deadline of any test or assignment, the student must contact the instructor immediately. Failing to do so will result in the student receiving a mark of zero. In addition, please declare absence on ACORN on the test date or due date of the assignment.
In case of a family emergency, please contact the registrar and declare absence on ACORN on the test date or due date of the assignment.
For each day that the assignment is not completed beyond the due date without a justified reason, the student is penalized in one point.

Plagiarism
Students must adhere to the student code of conduct in general and when submitting their coursework especially on academic integrity. In case of plagiarism, the student will be penalized according to the procedures set by the university. Please familiarize yourselves with the university regulations found here. https://www.viceprovoststudents.utoronto.ca/students/

Turnitin
In this course we use Turnitin to ensure the academic integrity as specified in the following statement found on the University website:
“Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to Turnitin.com for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University’s use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site”.

Assignments not submitted through Turnitin will receive a grade of zero (0%) unless a student instead provides, along with their assignment, sufficient secondary material (e.g., reading notes, outlines of the paper, rough drafts of the final draft, etc.) to establish that the paper they submitted was truly their own. The alternative (not submitting via Turnitin) is in place because, strictly speaking, using Turnitin is voluntary for students at the University of Toronto.

Other Useful Resources
Writing Center: https://writing.utoronto.ca/writing-centres/
English as Second Language: https://writing.utoronto.ca/support/english-language-support/

Online Remote Teaching
Please familiarize yourself with the technological requirements of online learning: https://www.viceprovoststudents.utoronto.ca/covid-19/tech-requirements-online-learning/

Regulations due to COVID-19 Pandemic: please follow the university regulations on the matters as communicated on the university website.