



Jordan University of Science and Technology
Faculty of Architecture And Design
City Planning And Design Department

URP341 Urban Sociology And Community Development
First Semester 2024-2025

Course Catalog
3 Credit Hours. The course examines the structure, processes, changes and problems of urban areas, including migration, poverty and welfare, economic trends, group relations, social life and how urban settings directly impact the social interaction. The course also focuses on social groups and communities in which people act to achieve various interests and goals. The course provides sociological input for planning, design and policymaking; and introduces the basics of community development.
Teaching Method: Blended

Text Book	
Title	Urban Sociology: A Global Introduction
Author(s)	Abrahamson, Mark
Edition	1st Edition
Short Name	3
Other Information	2014

Course References

Short name	Book name	Author(s)	Edition	Other Information
1	The social life of small urban spaces	Whyte, William Hollingsworth	1st Edition	1980
2	Happy city: Transforming our lives through urban design	Montgomery, Charles	1st Edition	2013

Instructor	
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Class Schedule & Room
Section 1: Lecture Time: Mon : 10:00 - 11:30 Room: A3132

Tentative List of Topics Covered		
Weeks	Topic	References
Week 1	Introduction to Urban Sociology and City Planning	
Week 2	The Structure and Functions of Urban Areas	
Week 3	Migration and Urban Growth	
Week 4	Poverty, Welfare, and Inequality in Urban Settings	
Week 5	Economic Trends and Urban Development	
Week 6	Group Relations and Urban Social Structures	
Week 7	Urban Social Life and Public Spaces	
Week 8	Midterm Examination	
Week 9	Sociological Theories in Urban Planning	
Week 10	Community Development Fundamentals	
Week 11	Urban Policy and Governance	
Week 12	Designing for Social Equity in Urban Planning	
Week 13	Current Challenges in Urbanization	
Week 14	Final Presentations and Course Wrap-Up	

Mapping of Course Outcomes to Program Outcomes	Course Outcome Weight (Out of 100%)	Assessment method
Analyze Urban Dynamics: Students will be able to critically analyze the social, economic, and structural dynamics of urban areas and explain how these factors influence migration, poverty, group relations, and social interactions	25%	
Evaluate Urban Social Issues: Students will demonstrate the ability to assess and propose solutions to urban social issues, such as poverty and welfare, through the lens of sociological theories and urban planning principles.	20%	

Apply Sociological Insights to Urban Planning: Students will integrate sociological concepts into the design and planning of urban spaces, considering the impact of social groups, community interactions, and economic trends on urban development.	20%	
Design Community Development Strategies: Students will develop and present community development plans that address social equity, sustainability, and participatory approaches, reflecting an understanding of the diverse needs of urban populations.	15%	
Assess the Role of Policy in Urban Development: Students will evaluate the impact of local, regional, and national policies on urban growth, social welfare, and economic trends, and propose policy improvements that foster more inclusive and sustainable urban environments.	20%	

Evaluation	
Assessment Tool	Weight
Midterm	30%
Final Exam	30%

Policy	
Attendance + Participation	Regular attendance is required, and active participation is expected. Students are encouraged to engage in discussions and contribute to group work. Missing more than 3 classes without valid reasons may impact the final grade.
Assignment Deadlines	All assignments must be submitted by the specified due dates. Late submissions will incur a 10% deduction per day, up to a maximum of 5 days, unless prior approval is obtained.
Academic Integrity	Plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty are strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary action, which may include a failing grade.
Fieldwork and Project Collaboration	Group projects require full cooperation from all members. Any disputes or issues should be addressed with the instructor early in the process to ensure fair assessment.
Use of Technology	Laptops, tablets, and phones should be used for educational purposes only during class sessions. Disruptive or inappropriate use of technology will result in a warning and potential further action.
Examinations	The midterm and final exams are mandatory. Any absence due to an emergency must be documented, and makeup exams will be scheduled at the instructor's discretion.
Accommodations	Students requiring academic accommodation due to disabilities must notify the instructor at the beginning of the term with appropriate documentation
Communication	All class announcements, updates, and feedback will be communicated via the university's email system. Students are responsible for checking their emails regularly.

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