

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE FRASER VALLEY

COURSE INFORMATION

DISCIPLINE/DEPARTMENT: Geography

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Fall 1993

Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

Geography 241  
SUBJECT/NUMBER OF COURSE

Social Geography  
DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This course presents students with the opportunity to critically assess the interrelationship between urban space and lifestyle. Focusing on the connections between people and their social environment, topics explored include gender and space, crime, residential segregation and concepts of community and neighbourhood.

RATIONALE:

COURSE PREREQUISITES: GEOG 140

COURSE COREQUISITES: None

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|--|-------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>HOURS PER TERM<br/>FOR EACH<br/>STUDENT</b> | <b>Lecture</b>          | <b>30</b> | <b>hrs</b> | <b>Student Directed</b> |               |
|  | <b>Laboratory</b>       |           | <b>hrs</b> | <b>Learning</b>         | <b>hrs</b>    |
|  | <b>Seminar</b>          | <b>15</b> | <b>hrs</b> | <b>Other - specify:</b> |               |
|  | <b>Field Experience</b> |           | <b>hrs</b> | _____                   | <b>hrs</b>    |
|  |                         |           |            | <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>45 HRS</b> |

MAXIMUM ENROLMENT: 35

Is transfer credit requested? : Yes **9** No

**AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:**

Course Designer(s): Cherie Enns

Chairperson: Curriculum Committee

Department Head: David J. Gibson

Dean: J. D. Tunstall Ph.D

PAC: Approval in Principle  
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(Date)

PAC: Final Approval: February 25, 1997  
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(Date)

Geog 241

**NAME & NUMBER OF COURSE**

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**SYNONYMOUS COURSES:**

(a) replaces \_\_\_\_\_  
(course #)

(b) cannot take \_\_\_\_\_ for further credit  
(course #)

**SUPPLIES/MATERIALS:**

**TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS (List reading resources elsewhere)**

Texts: Ley, David. A Social Geography of the City. New York: Harper & Row, 1983.

References: Cates, J. and Jones, T. Social Geography. London: Edward Arnold 1986.  
Jones, Emrys, ed. Readings in Social Geography. London: Oxford 1986.  
Knox, Paul. Urban Social Geography: An Introduction. New York: Longman Scientific & Technical, 1987.

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. To demonstrate how Social Geography relates and contributes to the discipline of geography.
2. To present an overview of social geography theories and approaches.
3. To involve the students in class discussions on application of social geography concepts to surrounding rural and urban environments.

**METHODS:**

Lectures: Instructor will draw on material in the text and a variety of related sources. Instructor will also present observations and applications of theories as illustrated in slides of both local and global case studies.

Discussion Sessions: Student groups will lead the class in a discussion on the application of a social geography concept. Discussion preparation could include field work.

**STUDENT EVALUATION PROCEDURE:**

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| Discussion Session | 20% |
| Midterm            | 20% |
| Research Paper     | 30% |
| Final              | 30% |

**COURSE CONTENT**

Week 1            Introduction  
                    Course Outline  
                    Traditions in Human Geography  
                    Contemporary Practices and Concepts of Social Geography

Readings:    Ley, Chapter 1  
                    (Organize Discussion Groups)

Week 2            Urban Form and Urbanization Process  
                    Developed Countries  
                    Third World Countries  
                    Slides - Case Studies (Thailand, Kenya)  
                    A.V. - Rural-Urban Migration

Readings:    Ley, Chapter 2  
                    Mabogunje, A. "Systems Approach to a Theory of Rural-Urban Migration".  
                    McGee, T. "An Aspect of Urbanization in South-East Asia: the Process of Cityward Migration".  
                    In Jones, Emrys (ed.), Readings in Social Geography. London: Oxford University Press, 1975.

Week 3            Residential Differentiation in the City  
                    Neighborhoods & Communities  
                    Skid Row  
                    Ethnic Minorities  
                    Greater Vancouver Case Study - From British Properties to East Hastings Street  
                    Social Area Analysis & Factorial Ecology  
                    Discussion Group  
                    A.V. - Social Inequality

Readings:    Ley, Chapters 2 & 3

Week 4            Urban Neighborhoods and Change  
                    Community & Lifestyle  
                    Suburbia  
                    Intra-urban Migration  
                    Centrifugation of Inner-city Areas  
                    Residential Mobility and Choice  
                    Discussion Group

Readings:    Simmons, J. "Changing Residence in the City".  
                    In Jones, Emrys (ed.), Readings in Social Geography. London: Oxford University Press, 1975.

**COURSE CONTENT:** (contd.)

- Week 5            Urban Sense of Place  
                    Urban Activity Patterns  
                    Cognitive Mapping  
                    Existential Notions of Space  
                    Participant Observation  
                    Territorial Use of Space  
                    Discussion Group
- Readings:   Ley, Chapters 4 & 5  
                                  A.V. - Spatial Analysis of Hyde Park
- Week 6            Class Reports  
                    Research Methodologies  
                    Research Proposals  
                    Selection of Topics
- Week 7            Geography of Informal Social Groups  
                    Formation of Social Groups  
                    Social Networks - Spatial Dimensional Race & Minorities
- Readings:   Ley, Chapter 6  
                                  A.V. - Social Inequality
- Guest Speaker: Planner from South Africa
- Week 8            Implications of Aging Society
- Readings:   British Columbia Case Studies \*  
                    Slides:     White Rock and West Vancouver
- (Research Proposals Due)
- Week 9            The Urban Housing Market  
                    Residential Mobility  
                    Open and Closed Communities  
                    Residential Market Bust and Boom - Toronto & Vancouver Case Study  
                    Discussion Group
- Readings:   Ley, Chapter 8       \*

**COURSE CONTENT:** (contd.)

- Week 10      Power and Politics in Urban Land Use  
                 Compare Approaches to Urban Development in Centrally Planned to Free Market Societies  
                 Land Use Planning in Lower Mainland  
                 Geography of Land Use Conflict  
                 A.V. - Belgium - Bruges  
                 Discussion Group
- Readings:    Ley, Chapter 9  
                 Harvey, D. "An Analysis of Conceptual Problems of Urban Planning".  
                 In Jones, Emrys (ed.), Readings in Social Geography. London: Oxford University Press,  
                 1975.
- Week 11      Quality of Urban Life  
                 Crime and Landscape  
                 Development of Social Accounting  
                 Urban Indicators
- Readings:    Ley, Chapter 10  
                 Cater, J. & Jones, T.  
                 "Crime & Disorder"  
                 In Social Geography. London: Edward Arnold, 1980.
- Week 12      Quality of Contemporary Rural - Small Town Life  
                 Spatial Access Viewpoint  
                 Rural Indicators  
                 Discussion Group
- Readings:    Carter, J. and Jones, T. "Contemporary Rural Society". In Social Geography. London:  
                 Edward Arnold, 1989.  
                 (Research Papers Due)
- Week 13      Contexts of a Livable City  
                 Future Cities  
                 Redesigning and Rethinking Communities  
                 Discussion Group
- Readings:    Ley, Chapter 11  
                 Lynch, K. The Theory of Good City Form. Mass: MIT, 1982.
- Week 14      Class Review  
                 Exam Preparation

NOTE: All readings and references are on reserve in the library.

\* Additional Reading to be Assigned.