



**LEARNING OBJECTIVES / GOALS / OUTCOMES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- demonstrate how Social Geography relates and contributes to the discipline of Geography;
- present an overview of social geography theories and approaches;
- interact in discussions on the application of social geography concepts to surrounding rural and urban environments.

**METHODS:**

The course is taught in a lecture/seminar format. Lectures draw on material from the text and identify specialized topics that are taken up in the seminar through student discussion and during student participation on field trips.

**PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):**

Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR (Please check:)  Yes  No

**METHODS OF OBTAINING PLAR:**

Examination

**TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:**

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

Knox, Pail, and Steven Pinch. *Urban Social Geography*. Prentice Hall, latest edition.

Or: Valentine, Gill. 2001. *Social Geographies: Space and Society*. Prentice Hall, latest edition.

**SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:**

**STUDENT EVALUATION:**

[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]

Discussion session	20%
Midterm	20%
Research paper	30%
Final	30%

**COURSE CONTENT:**

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

Part I: Introduction to Course Discipline

1. Social Geography and the Socio-spatial dialectic
2. The Changing Nature of the City

Part II: Patterns of Socio-spatial Differentiation

3. Urban Form and Structure
4. Geography of Deprivation and Disadvantage

Part III: Spatial and Institutional Frameworks

5. Land Use Conflict and Community Power Structures
6. Social Justice and the City
7. Social Production of the Built Environment

Part IV: Social Dimensions of Modern Life

8. Neighborhood and Community
9. Segregation and Congregation
10. Environment and Behavior
11. Bodies, Sexuality, Home, and the City

Part V Residential Change

12. Urban Restructuring and Social Polarization
13. Rural, Urban, and Suburban Social Networks

Course Conclusions