

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE FRASER VALLEY

COURSE INFORMATION

DISCIPLINE/DEPARTMENT: Geography

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Fall 1993

Revised: Winter 1997

Geography 344  
SUBJECT/NUMBER OF COURSE

Geography of Urban Development  
DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

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UCFV CREDITS

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This course will apply the principles of urban geographical analysis to the study of urbanization as exemplified in the development of cities in Europe and North America.

RATIONALE:

COURSE PREREQUISITES: Geography 241 or Geography 242

COURSE COREQUISITES: None

HOURS PER TERM FOR EACH STUDENT	Lecture	40	hrs	Student Directed	
	Laboratory		hrs	Learning	hrs
	Seminar	20	hrs	Other - specify:	
	Field Experience		hrs		hrs
				<u>TOTAL</u>	<b>60 HRS</b>

MAXIMUM ENROLMENT: 28

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

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:

Course Designer(s): John Belec  
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Chairperson: David Gibson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Curriculum Committee

Department Head: David J. Gibson  
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PAC: Approval in Principle  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

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

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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)**

Maurice Yeates, The North American City (1991)

Bunting and Filion, Canadian Cities in Transition (1991)

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. To define "urbanization" in an interdisciplinary context and identify the geographer's unique perspective.
2. To identify the economic, social and technological forces that have been influential in the creation of the industrial and post-industrial city.
3. To promote critical reasoning skills at an advanced level as applied to urban geography through exposure to current research literature and seminar presentation.

**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 of research articles.

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**STUDENT EVALUATION PROCEDURE:**

Chapter summary presentation	20%
Participation	20%
Essay	30%
Mid-term test	30%
Exam	40%

**COURSE CONTENT**

Lecture themes and seminar discussion:

1. Introduction: definition of urban and the geographer's perspective.
2. Perspectives on urban development and the Canadian City.  
Discussion: Analysing the Canadian city.
3. Introduction to the study of urban systems.  
Discussion: Central Place Theory and the Canadian Urban System.
4. Economic cycles and system development.  
Discussion: History of Canadian system development.
5. Urban system development in the United States.
6. Cities and manufacturing.  
Discussion: The Windsor-Quebec corridor.
7. Historical perspectives on the internal structure and growth of urban areas (1) transportation technology and classical models of the North American city and (b) the post-war city.  
Discussion: The evolution of metropolitan form.
8. Urban social structure.  
Discussion: Social differentiation in Canadian cities.
9. Housing.  
Discussion: Trends and forces in the housing market.
10. The role of government.  
Discussion: Planning and development.