

Geog 377 - Urban Geography

Spring 2008 MWF 3:00-3:50pm 317 Lindley Hall

Dr. Laura M. Moley — 402 Lindley Hall — (913) 558-5605 — lmoley@emporia.edu

On-Campus Office Hours: Fridays, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., and by appointment.

Phone office hours: Mondays 12:00-2:00 p.m., Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 a.m., Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please feel free to call if you have questions.

Textbooks:

- Hall, T. 2006, *Urban Geography*. Routledge.
- Krim, N. 2005, *Music and Urban Geography*. Routledge.
- Nassau, M.L. 2005 (reprint). *Old Age and Poverty in Greenwich Village*. Michigan Historical Reprint Series.
- Shortridge, J.R. 2004. *Cities on the Plains*. University of Kansas Press.

Course description:

This course provides an overview of key concepts in the study of urban geography, with a focus on the United States. We will look at the development of urban and suburban places, explore several of the ways geographers study urban issues, and discuss the interactions between human communities and the environment. Students are strongly encouraged to read and think critically, to ask questions, and to express their own opinions with regard to the concepts discussed in the readings and in class.

Grading:

Grading will be based on six outside Projects worth 40 points each, four short Essay/Quizzes worth 40 points each, and a final exam worth 100 points, for a total of 500 possible points in the course. Detailed instructions regarding each assignment or quiz will be distributed separately during the preceding class. Projects and assignments are due at the start of class on the due date—**no late assignments** will be accepted.

Grading Scale:

90 – 100%	=	A (450 – 500 points)	60 – 69 %	=	D (300 – 349 points)
80 – 89%	=	B (400 – 449 points)	Below 60%	=	F (299 or fewer points)
70 – 79%	=	C (350 – 399 points)			

Schedule:

W1/23	Introduction	M3/24	Suburban Landscapes
F1/25	Urban Morphology	W3/26	Essay/Quiz #3
M1/28	Urban Morphology	F3/28	Urban Sprawl
W1/30	Project #1 (due on 2/1)	M3/31	Cities of the West
F2/1	Early Dev. of Urban Places	W4/2	Urban Remote Sensing
M2/4	Early Dev. of Urban Places	F4/4	Kansas Geography Bee
W2/6	Essay/Quiz #1	M4/7	Urban Water Resources
F2/8	Urban U.S.	W4/9	Project #5 (due on 4/11)
M2/11	New York City	F4/11	Sustainable Development
W2/13	Project #2 (due on 2/15)	M4/14	Urban Planning
F2/15	New York City	W4/16	Project #6 (due on 4/18)
M2/18	Urban Corridors	F4/18	Planned Communities
W2/20	Project #3 (due on 2/22)	M4/21	Urban Census Data
F2/22	Urban Corridors	W4/23	Urban GIS
M2/25	Industrial Revolution	F4/25	Research in Urban Geography
W2/27	Essay/Quiz#2	M4/28	Applied Urban Geography
F2/29	Dev. of Suburban Pl	W4/30	Essay Quiz #4
M3/3	Dev. of Suburban Pl	F5/2	Ethnicity and Difference
W3/5	Urbanizing Middle West	M5/5	Gender and Urban Structure
F3/7	Urbanizing Middle West	W5/7	Urban Organization and Gov.
M3/10	American Suburbia	F5/9	Population and Urban Future
W3/12	American Suburbia		
F3/14	Project #4 (due on 3/24)	Final	
3/17-3/21	Spring Break	Exam	