

COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. GENERAL

SCHOOL	ENVIRONMENT, GEOGRAPHY AND APPLIED ECONOMICS		
DEPARTMENT	GEOGRAPHY		
LEVEL OF STUDIES	Undergraduate		
COURSE CODE	GEO211	COURSE CODE	4
COURSE TITLE	URBAN GEOGRAPHY		
TEACHING ACTIVITIES STRUCTURE		TEACHING HOURS PER WEEK	NUMBER OF CREDITS ALLOCATED (ECTS)
Theory courses- Seminars/ Student works progress evaluation		3	5
TYPE OF COURSE	Compulsory course of scientific specialization and skills development		
PREREQUISITES	-		
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	GREEK		
COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	YES IN ENGLISH (if required)		
(URL)			

2. EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning outcomes
<p>The Urban Geography course consists of lectures focusing on theory and collective work.</p> <p>I. The theory lectures aim at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveying the field of Urban Geography, its scientific approaches concepts and theories with the ambition to develop a methodological framework to further theory building. • Critically analyzing foundational theories and analytical approaches thus enabling students to develop a comprehensive understanding of the patterns in the development of cities and agglomerations and how they structure the broader geographical-spatial dynamics. <p>II. The elaboration-submission of a collective work are meant to develop the students' skills in relation to study and report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The different ways in which geography plays an important role in cities and their built environment • The complex interactions between globalization, social change and the built environment • Urban theories, socio-spatial dialectics, the socio-political development of cities and neighborhoods and the governance of urban space

The assignment also involves student making progress presentations.

General knowledge and skills

Theoretical knowledge

Literature surveying and synthesis

Critical and analytical thinking

Collection and processing of secondary – and where possible also primary – data

Collective work experience (communication, negotiation, co-writing)

3. COURSE PROGRAMME

Program of course lectures

- Presentation of the purpose and the procedures of the course
- The field of Urban Geography - Basic concepts and theories
- Urbanization: theories of urbanization and historical cases
- Industrialization and urbanization. Urbanization in Greece
- Contemporary urbanization patterns
- Urban systems -centrality- urban hierarchies
- The internal structure and organization of the city
- Suburbanization
- Urban-rural relationships and interaction
- Urban policies and politics
- The Neoliberal and Entrepreneurial city
- Cities and their CBDs as enclaves of economic and political power
- The tertiarization of the urban economy
- Urban development, housing markets and housing governance
- Housing financialization and urban development
- Urban tourism
- Urban renewal, gentrification and its new forms
- Competition between cities
- Urban segregation and housing exclusion, homelessness
- The just city and the right to housing
- Social innovation, institutional capital and urban governance
- Sustainable urban development
- Environmental justice
- Social resilience, housing and disaster recovery of cities

The student group work

The work focuses on a critical examination and analysis of the basic features of an urban issue (unaffordable housing, urban sprawl, tourism, gentrification...) in a Greek or foreign city and the formulation of suggestions for an improved approach to the issue under study in the light of the principles of sustainability, equity, governance and resilience.

4. EDUCATIONAL and LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION

TYPE OF LECTURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct contact in the courses and seminars 	
ICT USE	Use of electronic infrastructure and software Internet-e-class.	
TEACHING STRUCTURE	Activity	Semester work burden
	Lectures	33
	Presentations and exercises	7
	Individual works	24
	Group work	62
	Total Course	125
ASSESSMENT METHODS	<p>Assessment language: Greek</p> <p>Assessment methods</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successful written examination based on the course's theory (60%) 2. Group work submission (30%) 3. Presentation of work progress (10%) <p>The evaluation criteria might change in each semester and are announced in the begging of each course.</p>	

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