

GEOG. 402 URBAN GEOGRAPHY

Course Brief:

This course explores the setting in which more than half of the world's people live--the city. Cities are the largest human artifacts, but how do they emerge and evolve? What are the similarities and differences between cities? Why is the Central Business District of some cities thriving while others decline? These and many other questions are examined by urban geographers. This course will explore and Analyze the various aspects, concepts and approaches of urban geography. The course will cover topics such as historic and contemporary urban development; spatial dimensions of the city; social and economic patterns; images of the city; inequality and the development of urban built environment. Throughout history, cities have been the centres of economic, political, and cultural life. Further, many of the critical issues of our time--social polarization, economic restructuring, environmental degradation, and poverty--are concentrated in urban areas.

Course Learning Objectives:

This course explores the relationships among cities in a global urban system as well as the internal spatial arrangement of cities. It asks questions about how people structure the spaces of cities as well as about how people's lives are affected by the ways cities are structured.

Course Contents:

I. Introduction to Urban Geography

- i. Scope and Status of the Subject
- ii. Relation with other Branches of Geography

II. History and Growth of Urbanization

- i. Origin of Towns
- ii. Site and situation
- iii. Process of urbanization in the world
 - a) Urban function
 - b) Economic base of urban centres
 - c) Formal and functional classification of towns
 - d) Towns as central place
 - e) Urban hinterland
 - f) Urban structure-different theories
 - g) Hierarchy of settlements
 - h) City size distribution
 - i) Rank size, law of primate city
 - j) Urban expansion
 - k) Metropolitan decentralization
 - l) Rural urban fringe-urban social life
 - m) Urban Planning
 - n) Concept and principles of Planning
 - o) History of Town Planning
 - p) Ancient and medieval Modern Planning
 - q) Urban development urban renewal
 - r) Neighbourhood planning
 - s) A study of the process of urbanization in Pakistan

Books Recommended:

- Golany, G. (1976) New Town Planning, Principles and Practices.
- Keeble, L. (1969) Principles and Practice of Town and Country Planning, London, The Estate Gazette.
- Jackson (1966) Surveys for Town Country Planning, London, Hutchinson University.
- Smailes, A.E. (1966) The Geography of Towns, London, Hutchinson and Co.
- Mayer H.M. & Kohn C.F. (1959) Readings in Urban Geography, Chicago, University of Chicago Press.
- Dickinson, R.E. (1952) City Region and Regionalism, London, Routledge.
- Gist, N.P. & Halbert (1950) Urban Society, New York, Thomas Crowell Co.

Assessment			
Sr. No.	Elements	Weightage	Details
1.	Midterm Assessment	35%	Written Assessment at the mid-point of the semester.
2.	Formative Assessment	25%	Continuous assessment includes Classroom participation, assignments, presentations, viva voce, attitude and behavior, hands-on-activities, short tests, projects, practical, reflections, readings, quizzes etc.
3.	Final Assessment	40%	Written Examination at the end of the semester. It is mostly in the form of a test, but owing to the nature of the course the teacher may assess their students based on term paper, research proposal development, field work and report writing etc.