

Department: URBN

Course number: URBN 230W

Title: Introduction to Urban Studies

Credits: 3

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Competency Group: W only

Catalog Copy: 230. Introduction to Urban Studies

Second semester. Three credits. Open to sophomores or higher.

Introduction to the analysis of urban development with particular stress on those problems pertinent to the American central city.

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W Criteria:

1.The writing assignments will enhance learning by allowing each student to select an urban issue of interest and conduct an in-depth analysis utilizing criteria presented in reading assignments and discussed in lectures. Each student will be required to search the scholarly literature, select appropriate materials pertaining to the chosen topic, and then read and incorporate these into their writing assignments. There will be three writing assignments. The first is a 3-5 page paper proposal outlining the student's topic and approach. The second is a 15 page (minimum) first draft. The third is the final paper, which is also a minimum of 15 pages, and this is due the last day of classes. The writing component of this course will constitute 50% of the course grade. Failure to pass the writing component results in failure of the course.

2.The primary modes of writing instruction will be formal in-class instruction and written commentary by the instructor. At the beginning of the semester, formal in-class writing instructions will be given. These will be repeated prior to each of the three writing assignments. The instructor will provide written commentaries on the assignments and will meet with students to discuss these if requested.

3.**The syllabus will state that students must pass the W component in order to pass the course.** The syllabus will also state how the writing requirements are to be met (similar to what is written above).

Role of Grad Students: None

Supplementary Information: URBN 230 is taught every year at Storrs by Tom Cooke as part of his

regular teaching assignment in Geography, and 19 seats per year should be sufficient to support the Urban major at Storrs .