

Course No.: 280W

Title: Geographical Analysis of Urban Social Issues

Credits: 3

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WQ: W

Catalog Copy: GEOG 280W. Geographical Analysis of Urban Social Issues. Second semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: ENGL 105 or 110 or 111 or 250. Recommended preparation: GEOG 210 or 233.

Analysis of socioeconomic patterns and issues within urban areas, with emphasis on applied geographical research. Policy implications are stressed.

W Criteria: 1. Writing requirement consists of 5 3- to 4-page essays in response to a short specific statement that is related to both the lecture topics and assigned readings. The essays require the integration of course materials and individual research. Writing assignments cover either new material or previous material in an alternative format and thereby enhance learning. Each assignment receives two grades: The first is based on the first draft and the second on the quality of the revision. Writing instruction is accomplished by individualized written comments on the first draft, instruction in response to first drafts to the entire class, and individual conferences during office hours. The student cannot pass the course without passing the W component.