

URBAN SOCIOLOGY

UPPP 40

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Course Description:

This course is an introduction to urban sociology. Students will learn about early and contemporary urban theories related to urban life with a focus on U.S. cities and their neighborhoods. We will critically examine several topics including the historical and contemporary drivers of urbanization and how cities are spatially and socially organized; how urban life affects social interaction; race and class stratification; and urban problems. This class introduces students to urban ethnography as a method to studying the urban context and urban issues.

Required Reading (Free Online Via UCI Libraries):

The Urban Ethnography Reader by Mitchell Duneier, Phillip Kasinitz and Alexandra Murphy. Oxford University Press. 2014.