DOCTORAL MASTER’S BACHELOR’S CERTIFICATE

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SPRING 2016

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Graduate Courses

URB STD 913     Seminar in Urban Political Process
SEM 001     Joel Rast     T     4:30-7:10 PM

This course focuses on political power in U.S. cities and how relations of power shape the ways in which cities are governed and develop over time. Our focus will include neighborhood organizations, city officials, downtown business leaders, racial and ethnic groups, and others who seek to influence the governing agendas of U.S. cities. The course is divided into three parts. Part I covers major theoretical debates in the field of urban politics including structuralism, the growth machine perspective, urban regime theory, and debates around gentrification and the so-called “creative class.” Part II consists of case studies of four cities: San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and New Haven. Part III is devoted to student research. Here each student will develop a case study of his or her own focusing on some aspect of urban political development in Milwaukee. This will be a collaborative effort, involving group work, but students will write their own individual papers.

URB STD 945     The Internal Structure of the City
LEC 001     Anne Bonds     W     3:00-5:40 PM

Urban geographers traditionally have examined both the “internal” and “external” structure of cities in order to understand urbanization. The “external” focus examines links among cities and the development of urban systems while the “internal” approach considers patterns and processes occurring within cities. In this class, our focus will be on the internal structure of cities with a concentration on urban systems and the (re)production of
inequality. We will begin the course with a consideration of key theoretical approaches within urban geography. The remainder of the course will be organized around themes of particular interest to urban geographers, including neoliberal restructuring and urban governance, difference, urban poverty and inequality, bodies and public space, and communities and contestation. Our focus will be predominantly on the North American experience.

**URB STD 965  Municipal Management**

LEC 001  Mark Swartz  R  7:00-9:40 PM

The political, social, and economic contexts in which the urban manager functions, with an emphasis on managing municipal service delivery and resources. Notes: Pub Adm 965(Pol Sci 965) & Urb Std 965 are jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another.

**URB STD 980  Growth of Urban Society**

SEM 001  Joseph Rodriguez  M  7:00-9:45 PM

This graduate course will focus on recent US urban history. Students will read a variety of books and articles related to such topics as housing, race, gender, immigration, media, suburbanization, and economic redevelopment. Students will write two book reviews and a major research paper.

**URB STD 983  Contemporary Urban Social Structure and Change**

SEM 001  Jennifer Jordan  W  4:30-7:10 PM

This course is an interdisciplinary examination of theoretical and empirical approaches to the study of the city. We read foundational
and cutting edge research in an effort to establish a sense of the breadth and depth of urban studies today. This course exposes students to a wide range of work on the study of cities, in ways that will hopefully continue to inform their own research and writing, and help them develop a sense of what conversations within urban studies you will be joining. We examine issues like urban inequality, the global city, collective memory, urban change, cities and culture, gentrification, segregation, and other fundamental aspects of the study of the city. Overall the focus leans toward North American cities, but we do address cities around the world.

**Other Graduate Courses Offered Spring Semester**

**ED PSY 624**  **Educational Statistical Methods**  
LEC 001  Razia Azen  T  4:30-7:10 PM  
Overview of common statistical techniques used in educational research, including univariate and bivariate descriptive statistics, inferential statistics, one-way analysis of variance, and linear regression. This course fulfills the MS and Phd Stats requirement.

**GEOG 525**  **Geographic Information Science**  
LEC 401  Zengwang Xu  TR  9:30-10:45 AM  
LAB 801  TBA  W  10:00-11:50 AM  
LAB 802  TBA  R  11:00-12:50 PM  
Geographic and information theoretical foundations of geographic information science (GIS). Use of macro languages in a software project to expand GIS functionality.
GEOG 564  Urban Environment Change and Social Justice
LEC 001 Nicholas Padilla MW 11:00-12:15 PM
Spatial aspects of contributors to urban environmental change affecting social justice. Inequitable distribution of environmental risks and benefits; challenge of developing policies.

GEOG 742  Urban and Regional Dimensions of Globalization
LEC 001 Linda McCarthy M 5:30-8:10 PM
Geographic perspectives on urban and regional change as ‘developed’ and ‘less developed’ parts of the world become more interconnected by wider international processes of change.

HIST 404  Topics in American History
Topic: Big City Life Viewed Through HBO’s “The Wire”
LEC 001 Marc Levine MW 12:30-1:45 PM
HBO’s The Wire is acclaimed by many critics as the finest series in the history of U.S. television. Set in the mean streets of Baltimore, The Wire combines memorable characters, riveting and often heartbreaking drama, and wry humor. The Wire may also be the most penetrating study-in books or on film-of the crisis of the contemporary American city. This course will examine the urban crisis through the lens of The Wire, exploring such issues as urban poverty, drugs, and inner city neighborhoods, shrinking economic opportunity, the follies of political leaders, and the failures of urban institutions such as the schools, police, and media. The course will include viewings and discussion of The Wire, selected readings on the urban crisis, and occasional guest lecturers from experts in the areas of urban life highlighted by The Wire.
HIST 595  The Qualitative Analysis of Historical Data
LEC 001  Margo Anderson  MW  2:00-3:15 PM

Statistical methods and the computer in analysis of historical problems: statistics through regression; use of social science computer package; special techniques for handling historical data. This course fulfills the MS and PhD Stats requirement.

HIST 712  Historiography and Theory of History
SEM 001  Joe Austin  W  7:00-9:40 PM

Seminar on history of historical writing and thought, including such theoretical problems as objectivity, generalization, the nature of historical explanation, and the value of history.

HIST 715  Research Methods in Local History
SEM 001  Michael Gordon  W  4:00-6:40 PM

Seminar on history and methodology of studying small towns, rural areas, cities, and neighborhoods in the United States.

HIST 840  Colloquium on Global History
Topic: Food, Culture and Power: Role of Food in History
SEM 001  Martha Carlin  T  4:00-6:40 PM

Seminar on historical developments from a global or comparative perspective. Specific topics announced in Timetable each time course is offered.
POL SCI 769   Analyzing and Evaluating Public Policies and Programs
LEC 001    Grace Chikoto    W    4:00-6:40 PM

Examination of methods, including cost-benefit analysis and decision analysis, that aid policy makers and administrators in understanding and assessing public and nonprofit sector policies and programs.

POL SCI 791   Non Profit Advocacy and Public Policy
LEC 001    Mordecai Lee    W    4:30-7:10 PM


POL SCI 914*   Seminar in Intergovernmental Relations
SEM 201    Gerald Poppe    ONLINE

Policy issues in intergovernmental relations and the complex governmental context in which Americans live and work.

POL SCI 974   Seminar in Politics and Public Policy
SEM 001    Paru Shah    R    4:00-6:40 PM

Research in the formulation and execution of public policy in a democratic society.

SOCIOl 760   Advanced Statistical Methods in Sociology
LEC 401    Aki Roberts    R    4:30-7:10 PM
LAB 801    Alexander Bryan    R    7:15-8:05 PM

**SOCIOL 928  Seminar in Social Organization**  
**Topic: Globalization. Inequality and Social Welfare**  
SEM 001  Aneesh Aneesh  W  1:00-3:40 PM

Study of conceptual approaches used in analyzing social organization: social stratification, complex organization, urbanization, small groups in mass society. Specific topics and any additional prerequisites announced in schedule of classes each time course is offered.

**URB PLAN 762  Housing Markets and Public Policy**  
LEC 001  Sammis White  T  9:00-11:40 AM

An examination of natural and local housing markets, their components and operations, and the impacts on them of a variety of public and private actions. Prereq: grad st.

**URB PLAN 771  Transportation Policy and Planning**  
SEM 001  Robert Henken  W  5:30-8:10 PM

Seminar on the evolution of urban transportation systems and policies, transportation finance, land use and transportation interactions, and transportation planning and policy evaluation techniques. Prereq: grad st or cons instr.

**URB PLAN 772  Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation**  
LEC 001  Robert Schneider  R  5:30-8:10 PM
Current practices in pedestrian and bicycle transportation, including institutional frameworks, benefits, safety, facility design, network development, demand estimation, suitability assessment, and performance measurement. Prereq: grad st

**URB PLAN 791  Introduction to Urban Geographic Information Systems for Planning**

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Use of spatially related information including gis and land records systems for improved productivity and decision making in service delivery, management, policy-planning, and land development.

**URB PLAN 880  Challenges to Urban Sustainability**

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Urban environmental management theory and practice, history of the environmental crisis, and alternative strategies for understanding human activity/ecological process relationships in urban areas.
UPCOMING USP EVENTS

9th Annual Henry Maier Summit

Inequality in Milwaukee: How big a problem is it & what can be done about it?

Panel:

David Bowen, Assembly District 10
Sheila Cochran, Milwaukee Area Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Dale Kooyenga, Assembly District 14
Marc Levine, UWM History and Urban Studies
Timothy Sheehy, Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce

Thursday, November 19, 2015
4:00 PM
Edith S. Hefter Conference Center
3271 North Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53211

20th Annual Student Research Forum

April 30, 2016
Fireside Lounge, UWM Union
All Events are **Free and Open to the Public**