

# Exploring the Urban Environment

## Urban Studies 250 (GER-SS)

Fall 2017 3 Cr.

T/R 2:00-3:15 LUB S185

### *Want to Learn about the Making of the Urban World?*

With an increasing number of people living in urban areas around the world, cities have become the focus of academic as well personal interest. Drawing on Milwaukee and other notable cities of the United States, this course will address the transition from rural to urban society and the interconnected influence of urbanization on social, political, economic, environmental and cultural spheres of human life. We will learn how to approach the city using theories and case studies, including a few techniques for researching the “urban.” Divided into several small units, the course will introduce students to various (usually broad, interdisciplinary) approaches that scholars use to study the urban condition. Additionally, each of these smaller units will have readings/case studies that focus more specifically on concerns that are important or unique to Milwaukee and the metropolitan region. We will also learn about the changing nature of cities in the age of globalization and the future of urbanization. Additionally, typical course work will be augmented by guest speakers and chances to participate in extracurricular activities and events, both within the department as well as the community at large. Whether an undergraduate with a curiosity about the social sciences and humanities; a student looking to enrich their understanding of the urban disciplines; or simply someone who is interested in Milwaukee’s past, present, and future, Urban Studies 250 casts a wide net of social exploration that each student will find useful.

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