



Geog. 199: *Exploring the 21st Century City*

**Winter 2013, MW 4-5:20 p.m. in Condon 106
CRN: 26848**

Instructor: Dr. Susan W. Hardwick, Professor of Geography (susanh@uoregon.edu)
Office hours – MW 9-9:50 a.m. and by apt. (location to be announced)

Required readings: (1) *Urban Geography* by D. H. Kaplan, J. O. Wheeler, and S. R. Holloway (2009, John Wiley and Sons). New and used copies available in the Duck Store and on reserve in Knight Library; and (2) a few articles posted on Blackboard.

Grading: You are responsible for completing the following in this seminar: (1) a 3-4 pp. field observation paper in downtown Eugene (due Week 3); (2) an original research project documenting the historical evolution of one commercial building located in Eugene's Fifth Street Mkt. neighborhood (with a partner or in trios as you wish) (due Week 10); and (3) regularly participate in class discussions (weekly). Note that brief (one screen) summaries of five of the assigned readings listed below are to be sent to the instructor via e-mail on the day before we discuss each of them in class. No late papers will be accepted without prior arrangement.

Final grades will be determined based on the following points:

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| Paper # 1: Field exercise in downtown Eugene: | 50 pts |
| Paper # 2: Research project on Fifth Street business: | 75 pts |
| Brief summaries of any 5 assigned readings (10 pts each): | 50 pts. |
| Regular participation in class discussions: | 25 pts. |

Total points possible in class: 200 pts

Class policies:

All submitted work must be original and all sources used in papers must be cited fully. If you have any questions about the UO plagiarism policy (or what constitutes cheating or plagiarism), please contact the professor.

All electronic devices must be turned off when our class discussions begin each Monday and Wednesday afternoon Text messaging, talking on the phone, using Facebook, etc. is strictly prohibited. Not only is it disrespectful to the instructor, but it is disrespectful and disruptive to your fellow students. The only exception to this policy is the use of laptop computers for note-taking purposes. Anyone wishing to use laptops for this purpose must receive explicit permission.

Each violation of any of these rules will result in an immediate loss of 20 pts. from your total grade at the end of the term.

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Weekly Discussion Topics and Assigned Readings

Week 1: Introduction to Urban Geography and GEOG 199

1/7/13: Discussion of Chapter 1 in text: *Introducing/situating urban geography; getting acquainted; overview of course content, goals, and requirements (and welcome to GEOG 199!)*

1/9/13: Discussion of Chapter 2 in text: *Historical evolution of urban morphologies and places in Europe and other parts of the world* (and clarification of guidelines for completion of field-based papers and final research projects as time permits).

Week 2: North American and Global Urban Systems

1/14: Chapter 3: *The North American city* (location patterns, functions, urban models, importance of transportation in the urban development of the U.S.)

1/16: Chapter 4: *Globalization, urban systems, and global cities* (late 20th and early 21st century cities; telecommunications; urban transnational connections and relationships).

Week 3: The CBD and Suburbs in North American Cities

1/21: Chapter 8: *Urban land use patterns in North American cities* (ongoing importance of 'the Chicago School,' land use models, post-1920s shifts in U.S. urban morphologies).

1/23: Field-observation papers due (Be ready to discuss your perceptions, observations, and analysis of your field walk examining the urban geography of downtown Eugene.)

Week 4: Social and Economic Landscapes of the CBD and Suburbs

1/28: Chapter 6 (pp. 143-156 only). *Defining, describing, and analyzing the Central Business District in U.S. cities* (the lingering importance of urban centrality, densification, sprawl, blight, gentrification)

1/30: *Preparing to conduct research for your final research project on the Fifth Street Market area.* (Guest speaker - Tom Stave, UO data-guru and research mentor)

Week 5: Patterns and issues in the CBD and suburbs in our local urban environment.

2/4: Chapter 6 (pp. 156-166 only). Suburbs, exurbs, and sprawl in U.S. cities.

2/6: Field trip # 1: *Historical evolution, recent developments, future opportunities, and issues in downtown Eugene.* (Note that we will meet at the bus station across from the Duck Store promptly at 4 today to ride the bus together to the Downtown Station to begin our field walk. Please read the “Great Streets” article posted in Blackboard prior to participating in this first foundational field trip..

Week 6: Race, place, and poverty in Urban and Suburban America

2/11: Chapter 10: *Examining urban patterns of race, segregation, poverty, and place in the U.S.*

2/13: Chapter 11: *Immigrants, refugees, and other migrants in U.S. cities and suburbs (with a focus on post-1990s ‘melting pot suburbs’ and recent immigration patterns and processes in traditional and newly emerging (suburban?) immigrant gateway cities)*

Week 7: The ‘New’ Urban Geography of Immigration in Oregon

2/18: *Case study on refugees in the Portland metro area* (Read the book chapter Portland as a post-1990s ‘re-emerging immigrant gateway’ by Hardwick and Meacham (2008) posted on Blackboard).

2/20: Field trip # 2: *Observing and analyzing the past, present, and future urban geography of Eugene’s Franklin Boulevard arterial* (Please meet at the foundation in front of the ‘glass box building’ at the corner of Agate and 13th Streets promptly at 4 for this walking field trip)

Week 8: Urban politics in Eugene and beyond

2/25: Chapter 12: *Contemporary fragmentation in the metropolis*

2/27: *Making political decisions for Eugene’s future.* (To prepare for this discussion, please be sure to read Peter Calthorpe’s article on urban planning posted on Blackboard.)

Week 9: Planning for sustainability

3/4: Chapter 13: *Can urban sustainability in our local area be successfully planned and predicted?*

3/6: *Facing and resolving the lingering issue of homelessness in Eugene.* (Please read the article written by Gladwell [on homelessness] posted on Blackboard.

Week 10: Eugene's Past, Present, and Future Urban Geography?

3/11 and/or 3/13: Field trip # 3: *The Evolution of the Commercial Landscape on Fifth Street.* (We will meet in front of Gervais Salon at Eugene's Fifth Street Market [at the corner of 5th and High Streets] at 4:15 p.m. for brief student presentations on the outcome of your research on a business in the Fifth Street Market area.