

**CARLETON UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**

**COURSE NUMBER/SECTION: SOCI 3038-A
ACADEMIC YEAR/TERM: Fall, 2022
COURSE TITLE: Studies in Urban Sociology**

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Course Schedule: Mondays 2:35-4:25pm

Method of Delivery: lectures, group discussions

Course Description:

This course offers an introduction to urban sociology through an attention to both local (Ottawa) and global urban questions, social problems and innovations. We will begin by discussing historic processes of urbanization; a process that secured settler colonial structures to the land now known as Canada. The course will introduce the perspectives of a number of classical social theorists on urbanization and urban life from the 19th and early 20th centuries. We will then apply various classical and contemporary sociological approaches towards questions surrounding housing, crime, and the creation and uses of public spaces. We will analyze how different populations have access to city life based on race, age, gender, and ability. Finally, this course will introduce students to the work of environmental urban sociologists who study the role of cities in both contributing to and responding to climate change by looking at issues of transit, food, and other forms of energy consumption.

Calendar Description:

Issues related to people and the urban environment, including the historical process of urbanization, rural-urban transition, the diffusion of urban values and life styles, contemporary urban problems such as urban renewal, pollution and the pressures of the urban environment on social institutions.

Prerequisites:

Prerequisite(s): [SOCI 1001](#) and [SOCI 1002](#), or [SOCI 1003](#) [1.0], or [ANTH 1001](#), or [ANTH 1002](#), and third-year standing.

Reading (s)/Textbook (s):

Readings posted on Ares

Course Requirements & Methods of Evaluation:

Urban artifact photo essay = 15%
Article reading & response= 20%
Documentary response= 15%
Reading annotations & class participation= 15%

Midterm = 15%
Final exam= 20%