

**DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY**

**University of Toronto**

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**GGR 124Y1Y -URBANIZATION, CONTEMPORARY CITIES AND URBAN LIFE**

**Second Term Outline**

**(NOTE: this is not an official course outline. It is posted here for informational purposes only)**

**Instructor:**

J. Hackworth SSH 5027B; office hours: MW 4-5pm

**TA office hours:** TBA

**Lectures:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:10 - 3:00 pm

**Website:** [www.geog.utoronto.ca/info/facweb/Hackworth/GGR124/index.html](http://www.geog.utoronto.ca/info/facweb/Hackworth/GGR124/index.html)

**Objectives:** Our world is now an urban world, and rapidly becoming more so. This course provides a broad introduction to the urbanization process, the bases of urban growth, and the internal structure, dynamics and living environments of contemporary cities. Particular attention is paid to recent trends in urban growth and development, to the policy issues, social tensions and political conflicts that flow from these trends, as well as to current planning practices in Canada and abroad. The course serves as the main entry point for specializations in urban studies, regional analysis and urban-economic and social geography. It also provides part of the necessary background for more advanced courses in urban, economic, social, and political geography, as well as for parallel courses in housing, transportation, urban historical geography and planning.

**Spring Term Topics:**

- 1) Housing
- 2) Economic restructuring
- 3) Transportation
- 4) Urban governance
- 5) Urban planning

**Textbooks: (same as first term)**

The required texts are: M. Pacione, *Urban Geography: A Global Perspective, 2nd edition* (London and New York: Taylor and Francis, 2005); and T. Bunting and P. Filion, eds. *Canadian Cities in Transition 2nd edition* (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2000).

**Requirements:** During the year, students will complete the equivalent of four assignments related to the topics covered in the lectures and texts, as well as a mid-term test and a final examination. The distribution of marks and assignments are as follows:

Term Assignments: 4 at 10%	40% (2 in the fall and 2 in the spring term)
Mid-Year Test (first term)	25% (in December exam period)
Final Examination (spring)	35% (in spring exam period)
Total	100%

### **A Few Ground Rules:**

1. Please use e-mail judiciously. If you are having a problem in the course, first e-mail the TA that has been assigned to your tutorial. Please do not ask questions over e-mail that cannot be answered with one or two sentences. Please visit me during my office hours for questions of this sort.
2. Late Penalty: Five percentage points (of the assignment grade) will be deducted for each weekday (weekends count as one day) on all late assignments. Assignments will not be accepted later than one week after the due date. *Assignments submitted by e-mail or fax will not be accepted.*
3. There will be no formal tutorials this term. You will still be assigned to a TA, but there will be no formal tutorial meetings. Assignments will be explained during the normal class period. You are encouraged to see your TA if you have any follow-up questions about one of the assignments. Your TA assignments will be announced within the first two weeks of class.
4. Lectures are not a summary of everything that will be covered on the exams. It is extremely important that you keep up with your readings in this course, as they will be covered on the final exam (but not necessarily during the course lectures). Also, keep in mind that the reading topics do not always correspond to lecture topics (but it is nonetheless very important to follow the reading schedule suggested below).
5. The course website will be used to disseminate assignments, make announcements, and archive documents such as this course outline. It is important that you familiarize yourself with the course website, as it will be one of the main venues of communication in this class. Here is the URL: <http://www.geog.utoronto.ca/info/facweb/Hackworth/GGR124/index.html>
6. Plagiarism: Please remember that there is a Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (see pages 449 and 450 in your Calendar for details).

## **Course Schedule (with readings):**

### Week 1:

January 9: introduction, survey

January 11: general urban/ housing

Readings: Bunting and Filion, chapter 16

### Week 2:

January 16: housing

January 18: assignment 3 handed out and explained

Readings: Bunting and Filion, chapter 23; Pacione, chapter 10

### Week 3:

January 23: housing

January 25: housing

Readings: Pacione, chapter 11, 14

### Week 4:

January 30: housing

February 1: housing

Readings: Bunting and Filion, chapter 11, 14

### Week 5:

February 6: housing

February 8: housing

Readings: Bunting and Filion, chapter 15; Pacione, chapter 7

### Week 6:

February 13: economic restructuring

February 15: **ASSIGNMENT 3 DUE**; economic restructuring

Readings: Pacione, chapter 18; Bunting and Filion, chapter 9

## **READING WEEK (February 20-24)**

### Week 7:

February 27: economic restructuring

March 1: economic restructuring

Readings: Bunting and Filion, chapter 12

### Week 8:

March 6: assignment 4 handed out and explained

March 8: transportation

Readings: Bunting and Filion, chapter 8; Pacione, chapter 13

### Week 9:

March 13: transportation

March 15: transportation  
Readings: Pacione, chapter 15

Week 10:

March 20: governance  
March 22: governance  
Readings: Pacione, chapter 8; Bunting and Fillion, chapter 19

Week 11:

March 27: governance  
March 29: governance  
Readings: Bunting and Fillion, chapter 18, 20

Week 12:

April 3: urban planning  
April 5: urban planning  
Readings: Pacione, chapter 30

Week 13:

April 10: urban planning  
April 12: **ASSIGNMENT 4 DUE**; exam review