

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: URBAN GEOGRAPHY
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Owning School/Faculty: Natural Sciences & Psychology
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Academic Level: FHEQ5 **Credit Value:** 24.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 56.00

Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 184

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22.000
Off Site	16.000
Seminar	4.000
Workshop	12.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	Exam	Seen exam	40.0	2.00
Report	Report	Report on urban geography, based on field work and incorporating related media log component; formative assessment will be provided via group seminar	60.0	

Aims

To introduce the analytical frameworks from which to conceive of and engage with issues of contemporary cities, urban spaces, processes and stakeholders as well as physical processes affecting the urban environment. To provide a baseline of knowledge from which to critically engage with issues of sustainability at the urban settlement level. To develop the ability to critically analyse the dimensions and causes of, and responses to, specific problems at a range of spatial scales within cities. To foster a problem-orientated approach to urban geography, complimented by a core skills set from which to actively influence urban sustainability as graduate practitioners, integrating both human and physical dimensions of urban geography.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Interpret the urban environment, including understanding of shared city space and urban governance processes and the contested nature of the urban environment as well physical processes affecting the urban environment, including identification and assessment of risks to the human domain from natural phenomena.
- 2 Demonstrate critical awareness of the sustainability implications of urban environments, including challenges of balancing triple-bottom line imperatives of society, economy and environment at the city scale.
- 3 Relate specifics of the local context, to wider processes of urban change, including urbanisation, the greening of cities and challenges of post-industrial cities as well as link wider media debates to scholarly learning on urban settlements.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Examination	1	3	
Report on Field Work & Media	1	2	3

Outline Syllabus

Introduction to understanding the urban environment, including physical geography aspects such as flooding and coasts and human geography aspects such as governance and stakeholder engagement. Development imperatives at the city level, including challenges in the post-industrial city context. Sustainable cities and urban transitions. Policy, planning and decision-making responses. National and international case studies.

Learning Activities

Lectures, workshops, seminars and fieldwork

Notes

This module addresses the key geographical arena of the urban settlement, ranging in scale from towns and villages to cities and mega-cities. While covering less than 2% of the Earth's land surface, cities collectively consume greater than 75% of the globe's annual resource use. This module will frame the city as a critical focus for globally considered environmental management initiatives, and will contextualise lectures, workshops, seminars and fieldwork against the ever growing size, population concentration and economic and environmental significance of cities. The module is structured taking cognisance of triple-bottom line imperatives at city level, and emphasises social, economic and environmental domains accordingly. Through case studies of UK, European and International examples, including field trips within the UK, contemporary issues of the urban environment will be addressed in a problem focused and topically relevant manner. The module will systematically address the multi-faceted nature of the urban environment, fostering an integrated perspective across physical and human geography domains.