

Summary Information

Module Code	5308NATSCI
Formal Module Title	Urban Geography
Owning School	Biological and Environmental Sciences
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 5
Grading Schema	40

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Neil Simcock	Yes	N/A

Module Team Member

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Sarah Percival	Yes	N/A
Aleksandra Kosanic	Yes	N/A
Alexandre Gagnon	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Biological and Environmental Sciences

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	22
Off Site	12
Seminar	2
Workshop	12

Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
SEP-CTY	CTY	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	To develop an understanding of a diversity of impacts of urban spaces and processes on the wellbeing of people and the natural environment. To provide students with the conceptual, analytical and methodological skills to critically engage with the causes and consequences of these issues via independent thought and study. To critically analyse potential responses to specific problems at a range of spatial scales within cities.
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Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Understand how and why urban spaces have implications for the wellbeing of people and the natural environment
MLO2	Define and critically analyse the underlying causes of social and environmental challenges occurring in urban spaces
MLO3	Analyse and relate specifics of the local context to wider processes of urban change
MLO4	Design, critically evaluate and propose evidence-based responses that will enable cities to be more sustainable, socially equitable and conducive for wellbeing

Module Content

Outline Syllabus

How urban spaces interact within and impact upon the natural environment, including biodiversity, climate change, localised air pollution, and urban heatwaves. Alternative ways that these issues may be responded to at a local, national and international level via a critical understanding of the notion of 'sustainable' cities. How urban spaces and processes interact with and impact upon human health and wellbeing in an uneven manner. Including spaces of poverty and inequality, urban regeneration and gentrification, greenspace and wellbeing, housing, and nutrition environments. Alternative ways that these issues may be responded to at a local, national and international level via a critical understanding of the causes and urban inequality.

Module Overview

Within this module, you will develop an understanding of a diversity of impacts of urban spaces and processes on the wellbeing of people and the natural environment. It will also provide you with the conceptual, analytical and methodological skills to critically engage with the causes and consequences of these issues via independent thought and study.

Additional Information

This module addresses the key geographical arena of the urban settlement. 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 many contemporary societal and environmental problems. Via lectures, workshops, seminars and fieldwork these issues will be addressed in a problem focused and topically relevant manner.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Report	Popular science report	50	0	MLO2, MLO4, MLO3, MLO1
Presentation	Group presentation	50	0	MLO2, MLO4, MLO3, MLO1