

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: URBAN GEOGRAPHY
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Owning School/Faculty: Biological and Environmental Sciences
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Academic Level: FHEQ5 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 48
Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 152

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Off Site	12
Seminar	2
Workshop	12

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	Report	Report written in the style of an article for the Conversation	40	
Presentation	Pres	Powerpoint presentation based on research and analysis from fieldwork	60	

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.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

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

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Popular science report	1	2	3	4
Powerpoint presentation	1	2	3	4

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.

Learning Activities

Lectures, workshops, seminars and fieldwork

Notes

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.