

SOCIOLOGY 301

Survey of Urban Sociology

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Course Description & Objective

Studying the sociological features and aspects of metropolis living is especially important because according to a 2007 UN Report, over half of the world's population lives in cities.

The sheer number of people who live in urban dwellings, alone, may justify the need to study how and why people congregate to cities. But our sociological imagination must ask, "why would so many people want to live in these what some conceive of as small spaces?"; "What is the draw to urban living and the institutions that serve urban communities?"; "Is it simply about the job opportunities, commuting convenience, or are there deeper sociological explanations regarding community, creativity, and important social institutions that draw huge numbers of people to urban?"

This course will explore these questions, and help students to define and understand what important sociological

concepts help to explain urban dwellings and dense communities - along with the engaging aspect of helping student's figure out "Who's your city?" (sic).

REQUIREMENTS

Florida, Richard. 2010. *The Great Reset: How New Ways of Living and Working Drive Post-Crash Prosperity*. ISBN-10: 0061937193 Publisher: Harper

Florida, Richard. 2009. *Who's Your City?: How the Creative Economy Is Making Where to Live the Most Important Decision of Your Life*. ISBN-10: 0465018092. Publisher: Basic Books

STUDENT EVALUATION

Your grade will consist of the following:

- 10 discussion postings at 15 points

- 10 Written Assignments at 30 points

- Exam #1 at 25 points

- Final Exam at 30 points

Total 100 points

Exams are online and are timed, essay-formatted, and open-book

Students should regularly check their Hawaii email account for messages.

Course Calendar will be updated two weeks before the start of the term with the full term calendar.

SOME IMPORTANT ITEMS:

NO EXTRA CREDIT IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS COURSE UPON REQUEST

NO GRADE NEGOTIATING

Doing well in this class: In order to do well in this class, it is important that you a) stay up with the discussion board, and (b) complete all written assignments; (c) do all required readings

It is critical that you do the readings. Doing the readings will help you to better answer the written assignments and discussion postings topics to the relevant areas that we have been covering.