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


STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES (SLOs)

1) You will have 10 written assignments in this course, each totaling a minimum of 400 words
2) As commitment to engaging course discussion, you will have a total of 10 class discussion requirements in which you must engage in discussion with your classmates by posting responses to the questions listed and following up with replies to your classmates' posts.

STUDENT EVALUATION

Your grade will consist of the following:

10 Discussion Postings 15 points
10 Assignments 30 points
Mid-term 25 points
Final exam 30 points
Total 100 points

Exams are online, multiple choice/true false, 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) view all the lectures, stay up with the discussion board, and (b) do all required readings

It is critical that you do the readings. Doing the readings will help you to better understand the material focus your discussion postings topics to the relevant areas that we have been covering.