

**Geography 448 – A01
Urban Social Geographies
University of Victoria
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Course time:	Mondays and Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. —12:50 p.m.
Course location:	Cornett Building, Room A128

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course offers an advanced overview of scholarship on the social and cultural geographies of the city. The primary objective of the class is twofold: (1) to critically engage with both classic and contemporary writings on urban social life and the cultures of cities, and (2) to gain practical experience with urban data collection and analysis by conducting a collective research project on a significant aspect of social and cultural geography in the Greater Victoria Region. By the end of the semester, students will have acquired the skills necessary to analyze and interpret a variety

CLASS FORMAT

Since this is an advanced-level undergraduate course, it will be run largely as a “seminar,” allowing more time for group discussion of the assigned readings. Each week, we shall typically

Readings Presentation (5%)

device. I will remind you and provide you with more detailed information nearer the time but please be thinking about this important activity during the course.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Below is the course schedule of readings and assignments for the entire semester. I will do my best to stick to this schedule, although I do reserve the right to make changes if necessary.

Course Schedule

Week 1

Thursday, September 10: Course overview

Week 2

Monday, September 14: Urbanism as a way of life

Simmel, G. (2002 [1903]), "The Metropolis and Mental Life," in G. Bridge & S. Watson (Eds.),

Klemek, C. (2007), "Placing Jane Jacobs within the Transatlantic Urban Conversation,"
73(1): 49-67.

Thursday, October 1: _____

Week 5

Monday, October 5: The political life of urban public spaces

Mitchell, D. (1995), "The End of Public Space? People's Park, Definitions of the Public, and
Democracy," 85(1): 108-133.

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Week 8

Monday, October 26: Gender and the production of urban space

Week 12

Monday, November 23: Student presentations

Thursday, November 26: Student presentations

Week 13

Monday, November 30: Student presentations

Thursday, December 3: Course wrap-