

Geography 340 – A01
Geographies of the North American City
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Develop the ability to critically assess the contested politics that have shaped urban spatial imaginaries and regimes of urban governance
Improve competency in critical urban analysis by writing a literature review paper and producing a digitally-edited short urban film

CLASS FORMAT

The format for this course will consist of a combination of lectures, seminar-style discussions of assigned readings, and films. In order for the seminar discussions to work, students need to have read the assigned readings prior to class each day. Aside from the midterm and final exam, the main assignments for the course will be a literature review paper and an urban film project.

READINGS

Required Course Texts

All reading materials will be available on the CourseSpaces page for this class (<http://coursespaces.uvic.ca>).

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING SCHEME

Your final grade will be based on the following calculation:

Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	20%
Literature Review Paper	25%
Urban Film Project	25%
Attendance	10%
Total:	<hr/> 100%

Grading Scale

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	D	F
90-100%	85-89%	80-84%	77-79%	73-76%	70-72%	65-69%	60-64%	50-59%	0-49%

COURSE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: COURSESPACES

We will be using the CourseSpaces management system as a medium for the posting of relevant course materials and related course information (<http://coursespaces.uvic.ca>). Powepoint files for

Literature Review Paper (25%)

One of the basic research skills in the field of urban geography is conducting a literature review on an urban-related topic. For this class, each student shall select an urban topic in consultation with the course instructor and write a scholarly literature review following the instructions below.

1. Select an urban topic of interest. The topic should be broad enough that there is an international body of scholarly literature available. In other words, this is not a research paper, so do not pick a case study of a particular city but rather select an urban phenomenon that is experienced by many different cities.
2. Conduct a keyword search using the Web of Science database via UVic's library website to find journal articles related to your topic in peer-reviewed geography and urban studies journals. Here is a step-by-step process to conduct a Web of Science search:
 - a. Go to UVic's library website at: <http://www.uvic.ca/library>
 - b. Click to "Search Options" tab.
 - c. Click the "Databases" tab.
 - d. Under "Frequently used databases," click the "Web of Science."
 - e. Log into your UVic user account, which will take you directly to Web of Science.
 - f. Change search type from "Topic" to "Title," and then type in the keyword for your topic (e.g., "homelessness").
 - g. To limit the number of results, you are now going to "refine" your search to

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The Literature Review Paper should be 8-10 pages, double-spaced, 12-pt Times New Roman font, 2.54 cm margins, with no large spaces between paragraphs. The paper can either be written individually or in groups.

Urban Film Project (25%)

As part of this course, students will work in groups of 3

OFFICE HOURS

I strongly encourage you to come to my office hours. As the course instructor, my main goal is to help you learn, so if you have any questions about the material, or the class in general, you are more than welcome to come speak with me during office hours. If you are not available during that time, email me to set up an appointment.

EMAIL

Send all email to me using the email address listed on the first page of the syllabus (redwood@uvic.ca). Please include the course number (GEOG 340) in the email subject title. I will do my best to respond promptly to your questions.

PLAGIARISM

All class assignments should be prepared by the student(s) submitting the assignment. Plagiarism, or any other form of academic dishonesty, will not be tolerated in this course. Plagiarism consists of: (a) submitting someone else's work as your own without

there are [policies and legislation](#) regarding academic accommodation.

Week 4

Monday, September 24:

Week 7

Monday, October 15: MIDTERM EXAM

Week 11

Monday, November 12: _____

Thursday, November 15: Cultural diversity, immigration, and urban social change

Dwyer, C., J. Tse, and D. Ley (2016). “‘Highway to Heaven’: The Creation of a Multicultural,