

Title of the course:	Urban sociology		
Course ID:	VE-NPT018		
Level of education:	Erasmus	Academic semester:	Spring
Professor's name:	Dr. Ildikó Laki PhD	Academic title:	
Hours per semester:	26	Credits:	4
Exam:	colloquial exam	Pre-requisites:	-

Aims of the course

The aim of the **urban sociology course** is to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the functioning, development, problems and dynamics of urban societies. The course helps students to understand how urban space influences social relations and how social structures and groups shape the urban environment.

Course outline

1. Providing a theoretical foundation

- Introduces the main theories and approaches in urban sociology (e.g. Chicago School, Marxist urban theories, postmodern urbanism).
- Describes the historical development and sociological types of cities.

2. Exploring urban social problems

- It deals with phenomena such as:
 - housing crisis
 - segregation and ghettoisation
 - homelessness
 - homelessness and ghettoisation
 - urban mobility
 - environmental justice

3. Examining social inequalities in an urban context

- Analyse how urban living affects social inequalities: by class, ethnicity, gender, age and disability.

4. Developing a practical approach and research methods

- Encourages fieldwork, case studies and urban research.
- Develops critical thinking and sociological analysis of urban issues.

5 Sustainability and urbanisation

- Draws attention to the social implications of sustainable urban development.
- It also addresses issues of smart cities, climate change and community participation.

Practical works

In class and in the course of the students' independent work, we will look at different urban processes that are typical in an international context. Incorporate the analysis of urban planning materials and films into the lessons.

Requirements and assessment

In groups of 2-3 students, they will study the sociological, geographical and social history of a settlement

and present a paper of a maximum of 15 ppt.

Grades: Grades will be formulated according to regulations and guidelines of Milton Friedman University.

Readings

- **The Future of Urban Sociology** (Edited by Tim May and Beth Perry (SURF),1 with responses from Patrick Le Galès (CNRS and Science Po, Paris), Saskia Sassen (Chicago and LSE) and Mike Savage (Manchester) Source: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/28578854_The_Future_of_Urban_Sociology
- **The Urban Sociology Reader** (Edited by Jan Lin and Christopher Mele) Source: https://ingatanmalaysia.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/the-routledge-urban-reader-series-lin-jan_-mele-christopher-the-urban-sociology-reader-2013.pdf