

CRP 106 - URBAN SOCIOLOGY

Course Code:	1210106
METU Credit (Theoretical-Laboratory hours/week):	3(3-0)
ECTS Credit:	4.0
Department:	City And Regional Planning
Language of Instruction:	English
Level of Study:	Undergraduate
Course Coordinator:	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nil Uzun
Offered Semester:	Spring Semesters.

Course Objective

This is a must course for the first year students in the department of City and Regional Planning. The main aim of this course is to introduce concepts and terms relevant for an explanation of urban dynamics (e.g. social class, social inequality and socio-spatial differentiation, residential segregation, as well as suburbanization, metropolitan growth, post modern urbanism etc.). Also the course will cover such issues as: major theoretical debates over space and society in urban sociology, the relatedness and interdependency of urban space; and the social organization of life in the city. In addition, this course aims to provide as much comparative material as possible, in order to view local conditions (e.g. Turkey, Ankara, Istanbul) within a wider context (the world), and expose the similarities, variations or differences between processes. Course Content

This course deals with the city in modern times, in 20th and 21st centuries. The metropolitan and post-metropolitan phenomenon is one of the main issues. Social differentiation, economic restructuring, social and spatial change, social networks (local and global), social polarization are other issues that are analyzed in the course. Main approaches in urban sociology are also introduced.

Weekly Program

Week 1- Introduction and overview

Part 1: Theoretical Approaches in Urban Sociology

Week 2- The Chicago School and Ecological approach

Week 3- Urban Political Economy and Socio-Spatial Approach

Part 2: Urban Form and Urban Processes

Week 4- First Cities, Urbanization and Industrialization

Week 5- The “Modern Metropolitan City”

Week 6- Post-Modern Urbanism and “Post-Metropolis”

Part 3: Social Organization of Urban Life and the City

Week 7- Social Stratification

Week 8- Class Structure

Week 9- Social interaction and Social networks

Week 10 - Housing and Residential Segregation

Week 11 – Neighborhood and Community

Part 4: Urban society in Turkey

Week 12- Development of Urban Society in Turkey

Week 13- Student presentations

Week 14- Student presentations

Grading

Mid-term exam 35 points

Term paper 30 points

Final exam 50 points

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course students will:

- ❑ develop an understanding of the reciprocal relations between social organization and the urban society
- ❑ learn the major historical antecedents of urban sociology and learn the key concepts;
- ❑ develop a curiosity to establish the relationship between the current urban form and the urban society;
- ❑ develop a curiosity to analyze urban society in Turkey;
- ❑ develop skills to: analyze the development and social dynamics in urban areas, collect data in a given neighborhood and link the knowledge accumulated by reading the literature and by lectures to interpret the everyday experiences and observations in urban society.

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