

## **GEOG 9114B – Urban Studies: Section 001 – Winter 2019**

### **1. Course Information**

#### 1.1. Classroom Location:

SSC 2333 on Tuesday at 10am-12:30pm

#### 1.2. Contact Information:

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Please visit the "[Accessibility at Western](#)" website for more information.

### **2. Calendar Description**

An interdisciplinary critical examination of the frameworks and research methods used in urban health geography and cognate disciplines through applied research projects that focus on the development of healthy and vibrant cities.

3.0 lecture hours, 0.5 course

Antirequisite(s): none

Prerequisite(s): registration in a graduate program

### **3. Textbook**

None. Selected readings and resources will be assigned.

### **4. Course Objectives**

This seminar course aims to equip students with practical skills needed for academic and professional research on topics related to urban environments, particularly healthy cities. This course will improve students' research, critical thinking, and communication skills. It is also designed to help students strengthen their scientific writing skills for a diversity of audiences (i.e., academic, government, public). This course will be useful for students who seek a career which requires evidence-based decision-making and policy formation.

## 5. Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- 1) Explain and conduct the multiple steps required for completing a *rapid systematic review* of existing evidence to fill knowledge gaps, as well as recommend and develop evidence-based policy and practice for healthy cities;
- 2) Explain and conduct the steps required for completing a *stakeholder mapping exercise* to help identify key stakeholders and collect information from them to help fill knowledge gaps and develop evidence-based policy and practice;
- 3) Explain and conduct the steps required for completing a *gap analysis* to identify and evaluate existing policies and programs, as well as recommended policies and programs for developing healthy cities;
- 4) Generate a *professional report for key knowledge users and decision-makers* which is based on scientific evidence and includes evidence-based recommendations for policy and practice; and
- 5) Produce an interesting and convincing *academic research article* and/or *funding application*.

## 6. Evaluation

Evaluation Component	Percentage of Course Grade	Assignment Schedule
Protocol	5%	Week 2
Professional Report	50%	Week 6
Academic Manuscript <u>or</u> Funding Application	35%	Last class
Active Participation	10%	Throughout

Full participation is mandatory. Your participation grade is based on a combination of your everyday participation and your performance leading one seminar during the term.

**Grades will not be adjusted on the basis of need. It is important to monitor your performance in the course. Remember: *You* are responsible for your grades in this course.**

## 7. Seminar Schedule

Note: Seminar Schedule is tentative and is subject to change

Weeks	Topic
1	Introduction
2-5	Developing Rapid Reviews, Stakeholder Mapping, Gap Analysis & Protocols
6	Writing Recommendations, Strategies & Policies

Weeks	Topic
7-8	Present and Discuss Professional Reports
9-12	Writing Effective Papers and Funding Applications
13	Final Paper Presentations and Discussions

## 8. University Policy Regarding Illness

### 8.1. Illness

Please visit the link to the university policy for more information.

<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryId=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=-> Page 12.

If you feel that you have a medical or personal concern that is interfering with your work, you should contact your Instructor, Graduate Program Administrator, Supervisor, or SGPS.

### 8.2. Attendance

It is expected that students will attend all classes. The professor does not provide access to lecture notes. Students are encouraged to obtain missed lecture notes from a fellow student.

## 9. Scholastic Discipline for Graduate Students

For the complete policy and regulations visit the [Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies](#) website

## 10. Procedures for Appealing Academic Evaluations

Students may appeal an academic decision or ruling in accordance with the appeal procedures set out below. Students have a right to appeal to their graduate programs and, if unsuccessful, to the Vice-Provost (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies). Some decisions may be appealed further to the Senate Review Board Academic. The Vice-Provost's rulings in academic matters are final unless overturned or modified on appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA).

For the complete policy and regulations visit the [Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies](#) website

## 11. Support Services

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[Student Support Services](#)

[Student Development Services](#)

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to [Mental Health@Western](#) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

### 11.2. Short Absences

If you miss a class due to minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or exam. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow the missed lecture notes from a classmate.

### 11.3. Extended Absences

If you expect to be away from campus for an extended amount of time, please make prior arrangements with your course instructors and/or supervisor.

For the complete policy on registration visit the [Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies](#) website.

### 11.4. Academic Concerns

If you are in academic difficulty, it is strongly recommended that you see your Graduate Program Administrator, Supervisor, or SGPS.

## 12. Important Dates:

January 8: First Class

January 15: Protocol Due

February 12: Professional Report Due

February 18-22: Reading Week (No classes; Department Office open)

April 9: Last Class, Final Paper Due

## 13. Other Information

For a list of Graduate Regulations please visit the [Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies](#) website

For The University of Western Ontario Senate Regulations, please see the [Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policies](#)

### Email Policies

Please respect the fact that Professors receive multiple emails from students and will deal with those emails in a fair, organized and timely manner. Please ensure the subject line contains the name, number and section of the course in question.