

1. Understand the sociological approach to urban studies.

2. Develop research skills applicable to urban studies.

3. Recognize common social problems faced by cities.

4. Identify changes affecting the future of cities.

1. The student will be able to identify and compare different theoretical approaches to studying urban areas.
2. The student will be able to distinguish between macro-level processes that shape the character of the city and the micro-level processes through which the urban context shapes social interaction.
3. The student will grasp how economic forces, governmental policies and social structures such as race and class influence the social and spatial organization of the city.

1. The student will be able to identify and compare common research methods used to examine cities.
2. The student will be able to identify appropriate research methods for different areas of examination.
3. The student will understand and utilize different measurements of segregation common to the discipline.

1. The student will be able to identify the interactional social forces that have created and maintained areas of concentrated urban poverty.
2. The student will comprehend the historical origins of residential segregation and apply that understanding to analyses of current trends.
3. The student will be able to relate post-war suburbanization and "sprawl" to contemporary urban social problems.
4. The student will be able to connect mass incarceration to urban social problems.

1. The student will be able to identify environmental threats faced by cities as well as strategies intended to combat them.
2. The student will understand the affect of current migration on urban areas (within the context of historical studies of urban migration).
3. The student will be able to apply past trends and the current state of gentrification and urban redevelopment to future implications.