



DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHY 4731 FAO URBAN GEOGRAPHY FALL 2026

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DELIVERY LOCATION

Times: Lecture T/Th 1:00pm-2:30pm Rm OA2015

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Selected topics pertaining to the economic development of urban environments with a focus on such topics as: demographic change; housing market dynamics and neighbourhood transition; decentralization of commercial and industrial activity; the revitalization of core areas; local adaptation to the forces of global economic restructuring.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students should become aware of the complex nature of change in the urban environment and the various ways that city governments cope with these changes.

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REQUIRED MATERIALS

Required Text: Markus Moos, Tara Vinodrai, Ryan Walker (2020) Canadian Cities in Transition 6th edition Don Mills: Oxford Additional material may be presented on D2L.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Lecture slides will be available after lectures. However, students should not assume that slide sets will contain all of the in-class discussion. Attendance is encouraged. Test questions may include material from class not included in slides. The textbook provides an alternative presentation of the material. Tests will not include material from the text book not covered in class.

EVALUATION

Component	Value	Due Date	
Assignment 1	20%	Sept 24th	
Midterm	20%	Oct 8th	
Assignment 2	25%	Nov 17th	
Final Exam	35%	Set by Registrar	

COURSE POLICIES

Attendance is expected.

Requests for late submission must be made BEFORE the due date

Penalty for, late submissions 10% unless medical or compassionate grounds arranged before due date.

TESTS and EXAMS must be written on date scheduled.

Assignments:

Assignments are due in class on the date specified.

Mid-term:

Short answer questions, which may include diagrams, covering lecture material to date. The text book covers similar material, contains diagrams and **sample questions**.

Final Exam:

Same style as midterm covering material since midterm plus general questions.

MISSED EXAMS

Make-up examinations will only be given with written documentation from a healthcare practitioner using the official Student Health Certificate, available at

<http://registrar.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/docs/F.HealthCertificate.pdf> (see next page).

Final examinations run from Dec 7 -17th inclusive. **There will be no rescheduling of examinations to accommodate holiday travel or extracurricular activities. No one will be allowed to write examinations prior to the scheduled date.**

DO NOT PLAN YOUR VACATION BEFORE EXAM DATES ARE POSTED

GRADING SCHEME

A+	90 to 100%	Outstanding understanding of the course concepts including
A	80 to 89%	integration of materials and ideas, ability to apply knowledge to situations
B	70 to 79%	Above average to excellent knowledge, ability to apply knowledge to situations
C	60 to 69%	Satisfactory knowledge including ability to recognise and apply major course concepts, and to progress to next level of course
D	50 to 59%	Some grasp of course concepts; will likely encounter difficulty with higher levels
E	40 to 49%	Failed to meet minimum requirements of the course
F	1 to 39%	Failure

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Topic	READING
1	Sept 8 10	Urban Characteristics Early History of Cities	Chapter 1
2	15 17	Urban Transitions Seven Factors of Change	2
3	22 24	City 1850-1940 1940-1975	ASSIGNMENT 1 DUE 24 th 2
4	29 Oct 1	Post 1975 Post Industrial	
5	Oct 6 8	Municipal Governance Midterm	3 Midterm OCT 8th
6	Oct 12 16	Reading Week	
7	Oct 20 22	Technology and change Economic Value of Land	5 19
7	Oct 27 29	Generational Change New Urban Forms	6 11
8	Nov 3 5	Immigration Poverty	8 10
9	10 12	Homelessness The Home	10 Nov 9 withdrawal deadline
10	17 19	Urban Forms Inner City	12 Assignment 2 due Nov 17th 18
11	24 26	Edge of the City Climate change and urban design	16 24
12	Dec 1 3	Futures/ Review	21 NO CLASS ON DEC 8

NOTE: Any important announcements, including changes in due dates will be announced in-class and sent to your University email account

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) (Thunder Bay) and Student Affairs (Orillia) coordinate services and facilitates reasonable academic accommodations for students with disabilities. Academic accommodations are provided on the basis of documentation of a disability. Additional information is available at the following campus websites:

Thunder Bay: <http://learningassistance.lakeheadu.ca/>.

Orillia: <http://orillia.lakeheadu.ca/about-us--orillia-student-affairs/>

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

The University takes a most serious view of offences against academic honesty such as plagiarism, cheating and impersonation. Penalties for dealing with such offences will be strictly enforced.

A copy of the "Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures" including sections on plagiarism and other forms of misconduct may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.
<http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/policy.php?pid=60>

The following rules shall govern the treatment of candidates who have been found guilty of attempting to obtain academic credit dishonestly.

- (a) The minimum penalty for a candidate found guilty of plagiarism, or of cheating on any part of a course will be a zero for the work concerned.
- (b) A candidate found guilty of cheating on a formal examination or a test, or of serious or repeated plagiarism, or of unofficially obtaining a copy of an examination paper before the examination is scheduled to be written, will receive zero for the course and may be expelled from the University.

Students disciplined under the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures may appeal their case through the Judicial Panel.

Note: "Plagiarism" shall be deemed to include:

1. Plagiarism of ideas as where an idea of an author or speaker is incorporated into the body of an assignment as though it were the writer's idea, i.e. no credit is given the person through referencing or footnoting or endnoting.
2. Plagiarism of words occurs when phrases, sentences, tables or illustrations of an author or speaker are incorporated into the body of a writer's own, i.e. no quotations or indentations (depending on the format followed) are present but referencing or footnoting or endnoting is given.
3. Plagiarism of ideas and words as where words and an idea(s) of an author or speaker are incorporated into the body of a written assignment as though they were the writer's own words and ideas, i.e. no quotations or indentations (depending on format followed) are present and no referencing or footnoting or endnoting is given.
4. The submission of any work that was not the original work of the submitter.
5. the submission of the same work for two courses without the permission of both instructors.

A listing of University Regulations can be found at:

<http://calendar.lakeheadu.ca/current/contents/regulations/univregsintro.html>