

**Inequality, Social Justice & the City**  
**Anthropology 4760**  
**Fall 2021**

**Time:** Tuesday/Thursday 2-3:20

**Place:** Coliseum 047

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**Office Hours:** Fridays 12-1, or by appointment (via Zoom) or by face-to-face by appointment

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**Instructor Communication:** Students can expect to hear back from the instructor within 24 hours of the initial email (48 hours on the weekend).

**Course Description:**

With the goal of asking how we might make fairer cities, this class seeks to understand historically and ethnographically how political, social, and economic structures have shaped urban society and how people-centered movements might regain “rights to the city”. We will focus on local examples of urban social justice causes in Denton and Dallas.

**Course Objectives:**

1. Students will apply urban concepts to their everyday life through journal writing.
2. Students will analyze structures of inequality throughout the history of cities by engaging in debates, planning exercises, role-plays, and media applications.
3. Students will identify urban theories in contemporary examples.
4. Students will draw from local examples to see and experience processes of urban change.
5. Students will envision the future of socially just cities.

**Required Texts:**

1. *Introducing Urban Anthropology*. By Rivke Jaffe and Anouk de Koning. 2016. Routledge.  
**Noted as IUA in course calendar.**



2. All other materials can be found on Canvas under Readings. Articles will be identified by the author's name and year of publication.

### **Undergraduate Course Requirements:**

#### **I. Readings & Lectures**

Students are expected to complete all readings and view weekly lecture before Tuesday's class.

#### **II. Attendance & Participation**

Students are expected to attend and participate in class.

#### **III. Journals**

Based on Thursdays' "labs" students will submit 8 journal assignments due on Sundays via Canvas.

#### **IV. Quizzes**

There will be one quiz covering course concepts. It will be administered online via Canvas; students will have 48 hours (Saturday-Sunday); due on November 14<sup>th</sup> at midnight.

#### **V. Papers**

Building on the journal entries from each unit, students will write and submit two 1000-word papers.

#### **VI. Final Project**

Students will create and present a visual presentation (map, slide show, photo essay, poster, artwork) in which they use the course to envision a socially just cities in the future.

### **Grade**

<b>Type of Work</b>	<b>Percentage of Final Grade</b>
Attendance & Participation	15%
8 Journals	20%
Concept quiz	15%
2 Papers	30%
Final Project	20%

All grades will be assigned based on the following grading scale:

<b>90-100%</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>80-89%</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>70-79%</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>60-69%</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>59-under</b>	<b>F</b>

## Course and University Policies

### Face Coverings

UNT encourages everyone to wear a face covering when indoors, regardless of vaccination status, to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 infection, as recommended by current CDC guidelines. Face covering guidelines could change based on community health conditions.

### Course Materials for Remote Instruction

Remote instruction may be necessary if community health conditions change or you need to self-isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19. Students will need access to a computer, reliable internet connection, webcam, microphone, and dedicated space to participate in fully remote portions of the class. Additional required classroom materials for remote learning include: Microsoft Word, .pdf reader like Adobe, and other programming requirements akin to online learning. Information on how to be successful in a remote learning environment can be found at: <https://online.unt.edu/learn>.

### Technology Support

Part of working in the online environment involves dealing with the inconveniences and frustration that can arise when technology breaks down or does not perform as expected. Here at UNT we have a [Student Help Desk \(Links to an external site.\)](#) that you can contact for help with Canvas or other technology issues:

**Phone:** 940-565-2324

**Email:** [helpdesk@unt.edu](mailto:helpdesk@unt.edu)

Current list of [Student Help Desk hours \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

For additional support, visit this [Canvas Technical Help \(Links to an external site.\)](#) web page.

Academic Support Services

- The [UNT Academic Resource Center \(Links to an external site.\)](#), which provides links to the bookstore, registration and advising information, tuition information, financial aid, and more.
- The [UNT Academic Success Center \(Links to an external site.\)](#), which offers academic support services and free individual tutoring.
- [UNT Writing Lab \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

## Community Support

### Eagle Dreamers

<https://www.unt.edu/daca>

Questions: [dacainfo@northtexasdreamteam.org](mailto:dacainfo@northtexasdreamteam.org)

Workshops: [immi.gr/dacaupdates](https://immi.gr/dacaupdates)

Opening Doors International Services: <https://www.odisinc.org/>

United We Dream: <https://unitedwedream.org/actions/upcoming-first-time-daca-renewal-preparation-sessions/?source=adsgoogle>

## First Generation Success Center

<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/first-generation-success-center>

## UNT Student Legal Services

<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services>

## Black Lives Matter

<https://ied.unt.edu/UNTBLM>

## Pride Alliance

<https://ied.unt.edu/pridealliance>

## Food Pantry presented by Kroger

<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/food-pantry>

## Supply Pantry

<https://learningcenter.unt.edu/school-supply-pantry>

## Voting

[votedenton.com](http://votedenton.com)

## COVID

### Vaccination Information

[Student Health and Wellness Center Walk-In Vaccination Information](#)

Vaccine Incentive Program (until Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>): <https://healthalerts.unt.edu/vaccine>

### COVID Reporting & Alerts

To report a positive test/exposure or if you have questions: [COVID@unt.edu](mailto:COVID@unt.edu)

Updates: <https://healthalerts.unt.edu/>

COVID Dashboard: <https://healthalerts.unt.edu/return/cases>

### Testing Information

UNT Mandatory Testing Facts: <https://healthalerts.unt.edu/mandatory-testing>

Testing Information for Students: <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center/services/laboratory/covid-testing>

Free COVID Testing by Curative in the Union: <https://curative.com/sites/24128>

## Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences

According to UNT Policy 06.003, [Student Academic Integrity \(Links to an external site.\)](#), academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to: cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University.

## Acceptable Student Behavior

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional

forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the [Code of Student Conduct \(Links to an external site.\)](#). The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

The [Dean of Students Office \(Links to an external site.\)](#) enforces the [Code of Student Conduct \(Links to an external site.\)](#). The Code explains what conduct is prohibited, the process the DOS uses to review reports of alleged misconduct by students, and the sanctions that can be assigned. When students may have violated the Code they meet with a representative from the Dean of Students Office to discuss the alleged misconduct in an educational process.

### **ADA Accommodation**

UNT makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide a student with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding one's specific course needs. Students may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the [ODA website \(Links to an external site.\)](#). You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

### **Sexual Assault Prevention**

UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct. Federal laws and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex as well as sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at [SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu](mailto:SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu) or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565-2648. Visit [Title IX Student Information \(Links to an external site.\)](#) for more resources.

### **Emergency Notification & Procedures**

UNT uses a system called [Eagle Alert \(Links to an external site.\)](#) to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please refer to Blackboard for contingency plans for covering course materials.

### **Withdrawal**

If you are unable to complete this course you must officially withdraw by the University-designated date (for a "W" with instructor approval). Withdrawing from a course is a formal procedure that YOU must initiate. I cannot do it for you. If you simply stop attending and do not withdraw, you will receive a performance grade, usually an "F."

### **Late Coursework**

Late coursework will not be accepted over email. I will NOT accept work via email, so please do not send it. Late work will only be accepted for credit if accompanied by a note from a medical professional attesting to your inability to complete it. No other exceptions will be considered.