

3 KEYS TO SUCCESS IN URBAN BEINGS:

- 1) Prepare. You are responsible for learning all assigned material even if not explicitly covered in lecture. Lectures may “spill over” from Monday to Wednesday. Assigned readings should be completed **before class** on the day they are assigned.
- 2) Participate. Complete the talking points in advance. Stay engaged during classroom discussion. Come prepared to ask questions. Answer questions that I ask the class, if not out loud, then when you are taking notes.
- 3) Communicate. Ask questions in class (there is no such thing as a stupid question!). Chances are, someone else has the same question. Make an appointment to come to office hours if you have questions or concerns you wish to discuss privately.

WEEKLY READINGS AND COURSEWORK

Please note: this reading schedule is subject to flexibility as we progress through the semester.

HOW TO FOLLOW THIS SCHEDULE:

Primary Source readings are selected from a variety of print and electronic resources. All readings will be posted in Canvas in multiple formats if available.

Readings from *** are electronic resources available online through UNT Library.

BCR Bridge, Gary and Watson, Sophie, eds. 2010. The Blackwell City Reader. West Sussex: Blackwell. Readings will be provided in pdf format through Canvas.

ULR Gmelch, G. and Zenner, Walter P., eds. 2018 Urban Life: Readings in the Anthropology of the City. 6th edition. Prospect Heights: Waveland Press, Inc.. Available 2hr Course Reserve at Willis Library. **On reserve in Willis Library**. Readings will be provided in pdf format through Canvas.

ThC Low, Setha M, ed. 2005. Theorizing the City: The New Urban Anthropology Reader. New Brunswick, Rutgers University Press. Readings will be provided in pdf format through Canvas.

CUA *** Nonini, Donald M., ed. 2014. A Companion to Urban Anthropology. Wiley Publishing. eBook. Electronic resource available through the UNT Library. <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/unt/reader.action?docID=1656357&ppg=33> Readings will also be provided in pdf format through Canvas.

IUA *** Jaffe, Rivke and Anouk De Koning, eds. 2016. Introducing Urban Anthropology. Routledge. eBook. Electronic resource available through the UNT Library. <https://discover.library.unt.edu/catalog/b7405963>

WEEK	DATES	LESSON	READINGS and ACTIVITIES	ASSIGNMENTS
UNIT 1			THINKING AND EXPLORING THE CITY	
WEEK 1	AUGUST 21	Introductions	Course Overview Introductions: Urban Experience	Assignments: Read over syllabus and course schedule. Note: Canvas will be current through 9/11, by which time students schedule an Article Overview and Insights (AOI) presentation. Due: 8/21 by 5pm
WEEK 2	AUGUST 28	Perspectives in Archaeology and Anthropology	Redman, Charles 2015 (1999) "The Growth of World Urbanism" (EIA) *** Low, Setha. 2014. Spatialities: The Rebirth of Urban Anthropology through Studies of Urban Space. (CUA) *** Recommended: Jaffe and De Koning "Introduction to Urban Anthropology" (IUA) ***	Assignments: Talking Points Due: 8/28 by 5pm
WEEK 3	SEPT 4	LABOR DAY – NO CLASS	Recommended reading for this week: Robert Park 1925 "The City" *** (selected pages)	No assignments due
WEEK 4	SEPT 11	Chicago School Foundations	Simmel, Georg. 1903. The Metropolis and Mental Life *** https://www.blackwellpublishing.com/content/bpl_images/content_store/sample_chapter/0631225137/bridge.pdf Wirth, Louis. 1938. "Urbanism as a Way of Life" (ULR) *** https://www.sjsu.edu/people/saul.cohn/courses/city/s0/27681191/Wirth.pdf	Assignments: Talking Points – this week, you will observe strangers in urban spaces/public places and reflect on them in your talking points Due: 9/11 by 5pm AOI: (sign up)

			<p>Recommended: Milgram: the Urban Experience: A Psychological Analysis (ULR)***</p> <p>In-class Film clip: Stanley Milgram’s video Experiment in NYC</p>	
WEEK 5	SEPT 18	Modernity, Growth and critiques	<p>Engles, Friedrich. 1840. “The Great Towns” pp. 11-16 BCR</p> <p>Burgess, Ernest W. 1925. “The Growth of the City” pp. 339-344 BCR</p> <p>Le Corbusier. 1971. “The City of Tomorrow and its Planning” pp. 345- 353. BCR</p> <p>Recommended: Holston, James. 2010. The Modernist City: an Anthropological Critique of Brasilia.</p>	<p>Assignments: Talking Points</p> <p>Due: 09/18 by 5pm</p> <p>AOI: (sign up)</p>
UNIT 2			BEINGS ON AND OFF THE GRID	
WEEK 6	SEPT 25	Culture vs Architecture: Planning for Whom?	<p>Pellow and Lawrence-Zuniga: “Built Structures and Planning” CUA</p> <p>Pellow, Deborah. 2014. “Everybody thinks they can build: the Architect as Cultural Intermediary in Ghana” (UNT Library)</p> <p>Recommended: Hall, Edward. Proxemics. (Canvas)</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Dr. Deborah Pellow</p>	<p>Assignments: Talking Points</p> <p>Due: 9/25 by 5pm</p> <p>AOI: (sign up)</p>
WEEK 7	OCT 2	Post-Humanism and the Multispecies City	<p>Hamilton and Taylor. 2017. Ch. 6 “Sensory Methods” In <i>Ethnography after Humanism: Power, Politics and Method in Multi-Species Research</i>.</p> <p>Ethnographic reading TBA (possibilities below)</p>	FIELD TRIP TENTATIVE DATE

			<p>Van Patter. 2021. "Individual animal geographies for the more-than-human city: Storying synanthropy and cynanthropy with urban coyotes" https://doi-org.libproxy.library.unt.edu/10.1177/25148486211049441</p> <p>Barua, et. al. 2021. "Mental health ecologies and urban wellbeing" (how urban wellbeing is configured through an ecology of dwelling with nonhuman agents) https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2021.102577</p>	<p>I don't know where these go yet. . .</p> <p>FIELDTRIP REFLECTION: Friday, 10/27 by 11:59pm</p>
WEEK 8	OCT 9	Exclusionary Spaces	<p>Recommended (required for grad students): Oscar Lewis's <i>Culture of Poverty</i>. Research on your own!!!</p> <p>Goode, Judith. 2018. "How Urban Ethnography Counters Myths about the Poor" ULR</p> <p>Low, Setha. 2018. <i>The Edge and the Center: Gated Communities and the Discourse of Urban Fear.</i> ULR</p>	<p>Assignments: Talking Points</p> <p>Due: 10/9 by 5pm</p> <p>AOI: (sign up)</p>
WEEK 9	OCT 16	Defensive Design	<p>Chellew, Cara. 2019. <i>Defending Suburbia: Exploring the Use of Defensive Urban Design Outside of the City Centre.</i>***</p> <p>Rosenberger, Robert. 2019. <i>On Hostile Design: Theoretical and Empirical Prospects.</i>*** https://doi-org.libproxy.library.unt.edu/10.1177/0042098019853778</p>	<p>Assignments: Talking Points</p> <p>Due: 10/16 by 5pm</p> <p>AOI: (sign up)</p>
WEEK 10	OCT 23	Autonomy	<p>Leslie Irvine, Kristina N. Kahl, and Jesse M. Smith. 2012. "Confrontations and Donations: Encounters between Homeless Pet Owners and the Public" https://doi-org.libproxy.library.unt.edu/10.1111/j.1533-8525.2011.01224.x</p> <p>Recommended: Adkins, Julie. 2018. "The View from the Front Desk: Addressing Homelessness and the Homeless in Dallas" ULR</p>	<p>Assignments: Talking Points</p> <p>Due: 10/23 by 5pm</p> <p>AOI: (sign up)</p> <p>RESEARCH PROPOSAL: Friday, 10/27 by 11:59pm</p>
UNIT 3			TEMPORALITIES: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE...	

WEEK 11	OCT 30	Re-membling the City & Heritage Preservation	<p>Lawrence-Zuniga, Denise. 2016. *** Recommended: "Towards an Anthropology of the Protected Suburb" Required: "Historic Preservation as Cosmology: Municipal Regulations and City Dynamics"</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Denise Lawrence-Zuniga</p>	<p>Assignments: Talking Points Due: 10/30 by 5pm AOI: (sign up)</p>
WEEK 12	NOV 6	The Promise of Infrastructure: Pipes and Politics	<p>Gupta, Akhil. 2019. "The Future in Ruins: Thoughts on the Temporality of Infrastructure" in <i>The Promise of Infrastructure</i>, edited by Nikhil Anand</p> <p>Doherty, D. 2019. "Maintenance Space: The Political Authority of Garbage in Kampala, Uganda"</p>	<p>Assignments: Talking Points Due: 11/6 by 5pm AOI: (sign up)</p>
WEEK 13	NOV 13	The Promise of Infrastructure: A Wasteful Wishlist	<p>Ahmann, Chloe. 2019. "Waste to energy: Garbage prospects and subjunctive politics in late-industrial Baltimore" ***</p> <p>Singer, G. 2022. "Making Sense of Litter Data". https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/making-sense-of-litter-data/</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Dr. Gideon Singer</p>	<p>Assignments: Talking Points Due: 11/13 by 5pm AOI: (sign up)</p>
WEEK 14	NOV 20	FALL BREAK	<p>NO CLASSES</p> <p>Recommended: Manuel Castells. 2010. "An Introduction to the Information Age." BCR</p>	<p>NO ASSIGNMENTS DUE</p>
WEEK 15	NOV 27	Vision of the Future: Test Bed Urbanism	<p>Pype, Katrien. 2021. Digital Creativity and Urban Entrapment in Kinshasa: Experiments in Solving Precarity</p> <p>Orit Halpern; Jesse LeCavalier; Nerea Calvillo; Wolfgang Pietsch "Test-Bed Urbanism". <i>Public Culture</i> (2013) 25 (2 70): 272–306.</p>	<p>Assignments: Talking Points Due: 11/27 by 5pm AOI: (sign up)</p>

			Recommended: “Building a City from Scratch: The Story of Songdo, Korea” https://www.archdaily.com/962924/building-a-city-from-scratch-the-story-of-songdo-korea	
WEEK 16	12/4	The Smart City	Choose one article from the smart cities journal, https://www.mdpi.com/journal/smartcities (Links to an external site.) and cross reference it against one of the following websites listed in Canvas.	Assignments: Talking Points for extra credit Due: 12/4 by 5pm RESEARCH REPORT DUE: SUNDAY 10/10 BY 11:59 PM
WEEK 17	12/11		FINAL RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS – IN PERSON	