

COURSE OUTLINE

(1) General

School:	Social Sciences	
Academic Unit:	Geography	
Level of studies	Undergraduate	
Course Code:	GEO 426	Semester: G
Course Title:	Geography of Metropolitan Regions	
Independent Teaching Activities	Weekly Teaching Hours	Credits
Lecture	3	
	<i>Course total</i>	5
Course Type:	Required Elective	
Prerequisite Courses:	None	
Language of Instruction and Examinations	Greek	
Is the course offered to Erasmus students:	No	
Course Website (Url):	https://geography.aegean.gr/pps/index_en.php?content=0&lesson=426	

(2) Learning Outcomes

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Upon successful completion of this subject, students will have:

- developed their ability to evaluate critically different theories and analytical approaches. Critical definitions of several notion such as: City, Metropolitan Area, Megacities, Globalcities, Fragmented cities, Metapolis, Periurban space, Socio-spatial segregations, Ghetto, Spontaneous settlements, Gated communities, Gentrification, Smart cities, Mega events, Urban social movements, Urban utopias, Eco-cities etc.
- be able to understand new Urban Geography concepts, objectives, theories, policies and practices.
- analyze the geography of a variety of urban phenomena. Be able to interpret the contemporary metropolis structure in different spaces and times.
- critical approach of urban (social, ecological, cultural and economic) phenomena in Metropolitan Regions
- identify a variety of urban geography approaches about Metropolitan Regions
- be able to integrate knowledge with critical thinking skills to comparative trans-disciplinary approaches.

General Competences

1. Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information, with the use of the necessary technology
2. Adapting to new situations

3. Decision-making
4. Team work
5. Working in an international environment
6. Working in an interdisciplinary environment
7. Production of new research ideas
8. Respect for difference and multiculturalism
9. Respect for the natural environment
10. Showing social, professional and ethical responsibility and sensitivity to gender issues
11. Criticism and self-criticism
12. Production of free, creative and inductive thinking

(3) Syllabus

In the 21st century the spatial implications of Metropolitan development are widespread: from environmental challenges to entrenched patterns of segregation to new configurations of politics and new social movements. This module introduces students to some of the key themes, concepts and debates characterising geography of metropolitan regions in several schools of Critical Geography and in critical approaches of urban social, ecological, cultural and economic processes in several big cities in the world. The course then focuses on new urban phenomena and on various comparisons between Greek cities and other cities in the world and especially on European and American cities. Among the topics covered initially are conceptualisations of the urban condition, accumulation by dispossession, suburbanization and peri-urbanisation, gated communities', slums, spontaneous settlements and favelas (popular auto-construction), gentrification, fragmental cities, urban social movements, eco-cities, utopian cities, smart cities etc..

(4) Teaching and Learning Methods - Evaluation

Delivery:

Face-to-face, Erasmus students : bibliography in Spanish, English, French

Use of Information and Communication Technology:

Yes. Bibliography.

Teaching Methods:

Activity	Semester workload
Lecture	39
Project	30
Project	15
Non-supervised study	26
Performance evaluation/Exams	20

(5) Attached Bibliography

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