Course Title : City Cultures
Course Code : CUS3322
Recommended Study Year : 3-4
No. of Credits/Term : 3
Mode of Tuition : Lecture-Tutorial
Class Contact Hours : 3
Category in Major Prog. : Elective
Prerequisite(s) : Nil
Co-requisite(s) : Nil
Exclusion(s) : Nil

Brief Course Description : One of the pressing challenges of the 21th century is to understand the cultural dynamics of contemporary urban life. This course reviews the historical origins of urban studies. By looking at the cultural experience and mediations of urban life throughout modernity and postmodernity, it further explore how cultural formations and urban experience can be connected to processes of city planning, building and development, as well as to urban governance.

Aims : To provide students with:
1. a basic knowledge of different perspectives in understanding the cities.
2. some analytical frameworks to analyze different forms of urban culture.

Learning Outcomes : 1. To identify and describe the key theoretical approaches for understanding urban cultures.
2. To relate the theoretical approaches to current urban issues and questions.
3. To analyze different forms of urban culture.

Indicative Content : Theoretical origins
Urban experience
City and representation
City and movement
Cyberculture and city
Urban institution and policy
Globalization

Teaching Method : 1. Lecture focuses on theoretical concepts and approaches, supplemented with multi-media materials for further illustration.
2. Tutorial presentation and discussion to induce further understanding of theoretical concepts and approaches and their relevance to current issues.
3. Project requires students to apply their theoretical knowledge to some real cases.

Measurement of Learning : 1. Tutorial presentation and discussion, which focus on reading materials,
Outcomes

require students to identify and describe the key theoretical approaches.
Part of the final examination further assesses their ability in this area.
2. Term project induces student to relate the theoretical approaches to
current urban issues and problems.
3. Another part of the final examination requires student to analyze
different forms of urban culture.

Assessment

Students will be graded on the basis of 70% Continuous Assessment
and 30% Final Examination.
Tutorial presentation and discussion [30%]
Project [40%]
Final examination [30%]
Part A: Theoretical knowledge [15%]
Part B: Analytical ability [15%]

Required/Essential Readings:


Recommendation/Supplementary Readings: