

COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. GENERAL

SCHOOL	ENVIRONMENT, GEOGRAPHY AND APPLIED ECONOMICS		
DEPARTMENT	GEOGRAPHY		
LEVEL OF STUDIES	Undergraduate		
COURSE CODE	ΓΦ0906	COURSE CODE	4 th
COURSE TITLE	URBAN GEOGRAPHY		
TEACHING ACTIVITIES STRUCTURE		TEACHING HOURS PER WEEK	NUMBER OF CREDITS ALLOCATED (ECTS)
Theory courses-Lab works-Seminars- Student works progress evaluation		3	5
TYPE OF COURSE	Compulsory course of scientific specialization and skills development		
PREREQUISITES	-		
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	GREEK		
COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS (URL)	YES IN ENGLISH (if required)		

2. EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning outcomes
<p>The Urban Geography course is structured by theory lectures and labs involving also the group study of an urban agglomeration:</p> <p>I. The theory lectures aim at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systematically approaching the field of Urban Geography, in relation to its conceptual basis και scientific considerations, involving also the need to establish a common background of understanding and theory building and • Critically analyzing and interpreting basic theories and analytical approaches that allow the students to obtain an out-most integral understanding of the socio-economic patterns under which cities and agglomerations develop and are incorporated into the broader geographical-spatial dynamics. <p>II. The elaboration-submission of a collective work (2-3 students) aiming at developing the students knowledge, skills and capacity building in relation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data gathering (aggregate sources-empirical work) and analysis related to Urban Geography • Basic tools, elaboration techniques and GIS mapping processes. The students works involves also special topic courses, seminars and student progress reports presentations.

All necessary data and software is provided-uploaded by the course (e-class) and concern the study of a Greek city.

General knowledge and skills

Theoretical knowledge.

Knowledge and skills related to the elaboration and analysis of information and data, with the use of new technologies and mapping systems.

Critical thought and capacity building.

Collective work experience.

3. COURSE PROGRAMME

Programme of course lectures

Presentation of course lectures and students collective work, The objective of the course; the field of Urban Geography-Historical evolution and development; site-situation-size and character of a city of agglomeration; population-mobility and migration; the urban space; urbanization: theories of urbanization and historical cases; industrialization and urbanization in Greece comparative evaluation in relation to other European and international experiences; contemporary urbanization patterns; the notion of spatial concentration and dispersal; spatial boundaries (administrative boundaries-functional boundaries-social boundaries-catchment areas); urban systems-centrality- urban hierarchies; metropolitan agglomerations- medium size cities city networks-historical cities-port cities-coastal cities; the internal structure and organization of the city; the city as a physical economic, social, institutional and cultural system; urban structure theories; the urban centre and peripheral areas; the city centre as an enclave of economic and political power; urban areas in crisis and decline-the factors of the problem; disaster and recovery of cities; urban spatial policies

The student group work

The student group work consists of a study of an (medium size) urban agglomeration in of the Greek territory and to the critical appraisal of its developmental trajectories. Moreover, the work allows students to produce their own findings in relation to the problems and the dynamics experienced by the city under study and to drafting alternative developmental proposals and strategies

4. EDUCATIONAL and LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION

TYPE OF LECTURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct contact in the courses and labs. • Lab exercises (13 hours) 	
ICT USE	Use of electronic infrastructure and software Internet-e-class.	
TEACHING STRUCTURE	Activity	Semester work burden
	Lectures	33
	Labs, presentations and exercises	13
	Individual works	20
	Group work	59
	Total Course	125
ASSESSMENT METHODS	Assessment language: Greek Assessment methods 1. Successful written examination based on theory course (50%) which includes: Theoretical development questions Quantitative elaborations 2. Group work submission (40%) (2-3 students) The evaluation criteria might change in each semester and are announced in the begging of each course..	

5. RECCOMENDED REFERENCES

<p>Delladetsimas, P., M., (2017-18), <i>Urban Geography, Course Lecture Notes</i>, Athens; Harokopio University.</p> <p>Hall, T., Barrett, H. (2018), <i>Urban Geography: Routledge Contemporary Human Geography Series</i>, London: Routledge</p> <p>Economou, D., , Petrakos, J., (edited.) (2004), <i>The Development of the Greek Cities</i>, Un. of Thessaly Publishing</p> <p>Beriatos, H., Delladetsimas, P., M., (2010) edited, <i>Earthquakes and Urban Development: The Role of Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning</i>, Athens: Kritiki Publishing.</p> <p>Pacione, M., (2014), <i>Urban Geography: A Global Perspective</i>, London: Routledge.</p> <p>Moulaert, F., Swyngendouw, E., Rodriguez A. edited (2011) , <i>“Urbanising Globalisation: Urban Redevelopment and Social Polarisation in the European City”</i>, Oxford: Oxford University Press</p>
