

Module code	AZ-4307	
Module Title	Urban Society	
Degree/Diploma	Bachelor of Arts (Sociology-Anthropology)	
Type of Module	Major Option/Breadth	
Modular Credits	4	Total student workload 8 hours/week
		Contact hours 4 hours/week
Prerequisite	None	
Anti-requisite	None	
Aims		
Combining anthropological and sociological insights, this module aims to help students to understand social life and human experiences in urban settings. The module explores a range of theoretical approaches to the study of urban life, and evaluates their contributions, limitations and applicability in the global and regional contexts. The module compares urban development trends in Anglo-Western and Asian contexts, particularly focusing on urbanism in Southeast Asia. It will also identify contemporary urban social problems and solutions.		
Learning Outcomes:		
<i>On successful completion of this module, a student will be expected to be able to:</i>		
Lower order :	30%	- Trace and understand the development of theoretical interests in the city; - Appreciate the range of urban issues and problems in Anglo-Western and Asian contexts;
Middle order :	40%	- Critically evaluate and compare theoretical approaches to understanding urban societies and urban issues; - Develop a comprehensive understanding of the ways in which the urban environment both shapes and is shaped by sociocultural, economic, and political processes; - Compare and analyse the experiences in Anglo-Western and Asian cities, and especially in Southeast Asian cities; - Apply sociological and anthropological approaches to the analysis and understanding of local, national, regional, and global urban issues;
Higher order:	30%	- Develop a comprehensive understanding of different approaches to the understanding and analysis of urban societies and urban life, and to convey this clearly and fluently in both written and spoken forms; - Develop the ability and confidence to compare and evaluate opinions, form and articulate personal opinions, and to reflect critically upon different approaches.
Module Contents		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what is a city? - urban theories (sociological, anthropological, and political economy approaches) - global cities and world cities - gentrification - migration and diversity - poverty and wealth, inequality and segregation - crime and fear - work and precarity - global householding - right to the city, resistance and collective action 		
Assessment	Formative assessment	Weekly discussion and feedback
	Summative assessment	Examination: 50% Coursework: 50% - Class contribution and attendance (5%) - Class discussion during tutorials (group work) (10%) - individual urban vignette (10%) - individual research paper: (25%)

