

Module Code	AA-3304			
Module Title	Urban Society			
Type of Module: Bachelor of Arts: Degree Core (Option)/Breadth/Minor Core				
Modular Credits: 4	Student Workload:	8-10 hours per week		
	Contact hours for timetabling:	2 hours per week		
Prerequisite:	None			
Antirequisite:	None			
Aims/Objectives/Rationale:				
Combining anthropological and sociological insights, this course seeks to investigate the origins of urban life, the relationship between town and countryside and the sociology and culture of peoples living in and moving to urban environments. We will, inter alia, debate the opposing sociological and cultural views: (i) that there is a special, distinctive quality to life in urban places, and (ii) that city and countryside necessarily belong to the same social and cultural reality; consequently, to foster a division between rural and urban sociology is to distort the sociological and cultural realities we seek.				
Course Content:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the development of the sociological and anthropological study of urban life</li><li>the origin and evolution of cities: from ancient Ur to modern Chicago</li><li>rural-urban migration</li><li>human adaptations to densely-populated urban environments: network, neighbourhood, community and urban village</li><li>work and leisure in the urban milieu</li><li>the city and social breakdown: poverty, crime and other urban dilemmas</li><li>cultural continuities between city and countryside. Do we need an anthropology of cities or simply anthropology (and sociology) in cities?</li></ul>				
Assessment	Examination: (2 hours)	50%	Course Work: 2 short essays (@ 20% each) 1 presentation report (10%)	50%
Textbook(s) References :				
Ansari, G. & Nas, P. J. M. (eds.). (1983). <i>Town-talk: The Dynamics of Urban Anthropology</i> . Leiden: Brill.				
Hannerz, U. (1980). <i>Exploring the City: Inquiries towards an Urban Anthropology</i> . New York: Columbia University Press.				
Nas, P. J. M. (ed.). (1993). <i>Urban Symbolism</i> . Leiden: Brill.				
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