



Universitat de Lleida

# DEGREE CURRICULUM

# **URBAN GEOGRAPHY**

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## Subject's general information

<b>Subject name</b>	URBAN GEOGRAPHY			
<b>Code</b>	101175			
<b>Semester</b>	1st Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
<b>Typology</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Character</b>	<b>Modality</b>
	Bachelor's Degree in Geography	2	COMPULSORY	Attendance-based
	Double degree: Bachelor's degree in Geography and Bachelor's degree in Tourism	4	COMPULSORY	Attendance-based
<b>Course number of credits (ECTS)</b>	6			
<b>Type of activity, credits, and groups</b>	<b>Activity type</b>	PRACAMP	PRAULA	TEORIA
	<b>Number of credits</b>	1	1	4
	<b>Number of groups</b>	1	1	1
<b>Coordination</b>	BELLET SANFELIU, MARIA CARMEN			
<b>Department</b>	GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY AND HISTORY OF ART			
<b>Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work</b>	<p>60 hours in theoretical and practical sessions (2h.). Most in classroom 1.33.b from 9 to 11.00am. Theoretical sessions are combined with practical, seminar and fieldwork sessions. Two of these sessions given in the computer room on Wednesday morning: in the computer room 3.48 on the days: 04/10 and 25/10 (9.30-11.30)</p> <p>Two field work sessions: 29/11/2023 and 13/12/2023. All morning from 9am to 1.30pm.</p> <p>90 hours of independent student work</p>			
<b>Important information on data processing</b>	Consult <a href="#">this link</a> for more information.			
<b>Language</b>	Catalan			
<b>Distribution of credits</b>	4 theoretical credits 2 practical credits			

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## Subject's extra information

Urban Geography focuses on the study of urbanization processes and the analysis of the context that explains how, when and why. cities and the urban world change and transform (or not). The etymology of CITY (civitas) refers us to a particular socioeconomic and political organization. While the terms URBAN / URBANIZATION (Urbs) refer to the urban factory (the physical and functional construct) and to the process of physical and functional transformation of the space that also entails changes in the ways of life. These forms of urban life increasingly characterize our societies and those of those territories most articulated in the processes of contemporary globalization. Globalization has become the main engine and diffuser of the urban, contributing to the dissolution of the already widespread barriers between the rural and the urban, the city and the countryside. An urbanization process that has also been fueled in recent decades by the processes of financierization of the economy.

Despite the contrasting and often contrasting views (filias and phobias) on the urban and the cities, it is undeniable that the city is one of the most complex artifacts that humanity has ever created and that the process of urbanization has been one of the most intense and spectacular transformations of contemporary societies.

The aim of the course is to offer a complete and transdisciplinary introduction to the urban phenomenon, addressing the current dimension and historical genesis from the industrial revolution to the problems of urbanization and its main result: the city. The aim is for the student to know the main theories and concepts in the study of the urban and to know how to use the main sources and instruments necessary for the analysis of the contemporary city in the European context.

There are very different ways of approaching the study of urbanization and cities that Urban Geography has tended to focus on:

- the study of networks and interurban relations;
- the study of form, functions and social composition;
- the study of historical processes and urbanization contexts.

Addressing all possible approaches (which are not exclusive) would go beyond the framework of a single subject, so it is decided here to focus on the second and third approaches. In fact, in the framework of this subject we are interested in the historical study of urbanization processes to understand and explain how, when and why growing (or not), cities change and transform and what we consider is urban, in the less since industrialization.

We understand the city as one of the possible results of the urbanization process and, for this reason, it is much more interesting to understand and get to explain the factors that explain it than to look at its results. The theoretical framework focuses on understanding urbanization as a process (the resulting forms and the acting agents) to understand the structures, forms and landscapes and the problems it generates. It is intended that the student knows the main concepts and theories in urban study and knows how to use the main sources and tools needed for the analysis of the contemporary city. At the same time, the program provides basic knowledge on urban planning in the Catalan context.

The course combines three types of sessions. The first type of sessions combines the most theoretical face-to-face classes with the most active participation of students. The second type of sessions are more practical, aimed at knowing and processing data and information sources on urbanization processes and the urban phenomenon at the level of the city as a whole and neighborhoods / districts. The third type of session consists of fieldwork visits to various neighborhoods in the city of Lleida

## Learning objectives

- O1 - Knowledge and capacity for interpretation of urbanization processes and urban phenomena.
- O2 - To know the main sources of study for the analysis of the city and the urbanization processes.
- O3 - To know the main current problems in urban areas
- O4 - Understanding the main lines of contemporary urban policies, especially urban planning
- O5 - To know the main figures of urban planning in the Catalan context
- O6 - To know the main sources of information for urban study and analysis

## Competences

- CB2 Apply knowledge to the job or vocation in a professional way and possess the skills that are usually demonstrated through the elaboration and defense of arguments and problem solving within their area of study.
- CB3 Ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within their area of study) to make judgments that include a reflection on relevant issues of a social, scientific or ethical nature
- CB5 Know how to develop the learning skills necessary to undertake further studies with a high degree of autonomy
- CE5 Learn to extract geographical information from existing resources on the Internet
- CE10 Recognize in the landscape the transformations generated by human uses in historical events
- CG1 Assess the mechanisms of society's interaction with the environment
- CG2 Identify the great conflicts and inequalities of human society
- CG3 Characterize the spatial diversity of territories
- CT4 Acquire basic knowledge of entrepreneurship and professional environments.

## Subject contents

### **LESSON 1 – Study of the urban phenomena. The city, the urban environment and the urbanization processes.**

#### **1.1 – The city and the urban. Proposal of the study framework of urbanization.**

LOIS, R. (2012) (Coord) *Los espacios urbanos*, Biblioteca nueva, Madrid, p.11-45

KNOX, P. (1994), "Urbanization and urban geography" a *Urbanization. An Introduction to urban geography*, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, p.8-16.

#### **1.2.- Difficulties in the definition and delimitation of the urban**

-LOIS, R. (2012) (Coord) *Los espacios urbanos*, Biblioteca nueva, Madrid, pp.11-45

-BRENNER, Neil; SCHMID, C. (2016), "La era urbana en debate", a *EURE: revista latinoamericana de estudios urbano regionales*, ISSN-e 07176236, N<sup>o</sup>. 127, 2016, págs. 307-339 <https://dialnet.unirioja.es/servlet/articulo?codigo=5819806>

#### **1.3 - Basic study sources of the city and the urban.**

- ESCOLANO UTRILLA, S. (2017), "Fuentes para el estudio geográfico de las ciudades de la urbanización", en *Los espacios urbanos: Procesos y organización territorial Elementos para su estudio en el grado de "Geografía y Ordenación del Territorio"* [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/91d437\\_e548341ebe914f33a1248417178d6597.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/91d437_e548341ebe914f33a1248417178d6597.pdf)

### **LESSON 2. Morphological analysis of the urban landscape.**

#### **2.1.- Analysis of the city plan. Elements that have an impact on the typological diversity of the urban landscape.**

. CAPEL, H. (2002), "El análisis morfológico y los elementos del plano de la ciudad" en *La morfología de las ciudades* Barcelona, ed. del Serbal, pp. 70-89

## 2.2.- Urban development forms, tissues and urban fabric: the historic quarters, "ensanches", suburban growth, the garden city, informal growth.

CAPEL, H. (2002) *La morfología de las ciudades*, Capítulo 12 . Los tejidos urbanos, Barcelona, El Serbal, pp. 439-495

## 2.3.- Building dynamics, land uses and urban structure. Urban agents

. CAPEL, H. (2013) *La morfología de las ciudades* , Vol. III Agentes urbanos y mercado. Páginas 15 a 25 dedicadas a Actores y agentes; 77 a 95 dedicadas a Propietarios en el contexto contemporáneo; 127 a 151 dedicadas a promotores y constructores.

## LESSON 3. The city in the XIX century and beginnings of XX.

### 3.1- The industrial city and urbanization factors. Industrialization and urbanization in Europe and Spain.

VIDEO (19,05 MINUTS): Breu historia de la urbanització: Visionat del vídeo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-SVInBuMUy> UNED – El proceso de urbanización, Ma Pilar Borderías; Jose Miguel Santos (Geografía - UNED) Length: 19,05 minutes

LOIS, R. (2012) (Coord) *Los espacios urbanos*, Biblioteca nueva, Madrid, pp.106-129 (fins a "Los principios del urbanismo moderno") UdL electronic acces

### 3.2.- Urban plans and the construction of "Ensanches" in XIX. The case of Barcelona Eixample.

MARTIN RAMOS, A.; NOGUERA ESTEBAN, J. (2010) *El efecto Cerdà. Ensanches mayores y menores*, Escola Tècnica Superior d'Arquitectura de Barcelona - Iniciativa Digital Politècnica, UPC , Barcelona , p..1-40 <https://upcommons.upc.edu/handle/2099.3/36871>

. Vídeo 1 :Un visionari maleït: Cerdà, de Lluís Permanyer (Sense Ficció. Canal 33, 2013) (52,23'). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wdDwWyTTDA&t=2425s>

- . Vídeo 2: Els Plans de Cerdà - Sense Ficció 2020 (52,15')- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3r5V5UIH7rQ>

### 3.3 – The city and urban planning at the beginning of the 20th century: Le Corbusier's visions and the Modern movement

CAPEL, H. (2002), "La carta de Atenas y la organización del espacio urbano", a *La morfología de las ciudades. Vol.1 – Sociedad, cultura y paisaje urbano*, Barcelona, El Serbal, pp.393-406

HALL, P. (1996) "La ciudad de las torres", *Ciudades del mañana*, Barcelona, Ed. Del Serbal, p.216-252

## LESSON 4 .The city and the urban in the mid and late 20th century. Urban structure, form and landscape

### 4.1 - The socioeconomic characteristics of the city in the global network

MUÑOZ, F. ; NEL.LO, O. (2004) "Las ciudades hoy: El planeta ciudad", a ROMERO, J. (Coord) *Geografía Humana*, Madrid , Akal, p. 275-309

### 4.2 - The construction of the city since the 70s. Policies, production and urban form

LOPEZ DE LUCIO, R. (1993), "Características del espacio urbano en la ciudad contemporánea" 181-200, a *Ciudad y urbanismo a finales del siglo XX*, Valencia, Universitat de Valencia

MUÑOZ, F. (2008), "1000 territorios en deconstrucción", *Urbanización-Paisajes y lugares comunes*,... Barcelona, Gustavo Gili, p. 13-41

### 4.3 - The products of the new dispersed urbanization: the urban sprawl and the new urban peripheries

INDOVINA (1998), "Algunes consideracions sobre la ciutat difusa", en *Documents d'anàlisi geogràfica*, núm.33, p. 21-32

MUÑOZ, F (2005), "La producció residencial de baixa densitat", *Elements de debat territorial*, Diputació de Barcelona , p. 9-20 + 85-98

## 4.4 - Of real estate cycles and the financialization of the urban

-BURRIEL, E (2014) "El estallido de la burbuja inmobiliaria y sus efectos en el territorio", en Albertos, J.M.; Sánchez, J.L.; (Coords) Geografía de la crisis económica en España. València: Publicacions d'ela Universitat de València , p. 101-140

-MÉNDEZ, R. (2019) Ciudades en venta. Estrategias financieras y nuevo ciclo inmobiliario en España. València: Publicacions d'ela Universitat de València , p.121-155

## LESSON 5 . Current challenges and emerging discourses in the contemporary city

### 5.1 - Conflicts in the contemporary city

- SEVILLA BUITRAGO, Álvaro (coord.) *et al* (2012) "Conflictos de la ciudad contemporánea: un sondeo internacional", *Urban NS03*, p: 107-137, <http://polired.upm.es/index.php/urban/article/view/1810/2141>

### 5.2 - Urban social segregation, gentrification and displacement.

- DÍAZ PARRA, Ibán. La gentrificación en la cambiante estructura socioespacial de la ciudad. *Biblio 3W. Revista Bibliográfica de Geografía y Ciencias Sociales*. [En línea]. Barcelona: Universidad de Barcelona, 25 de junio de 2013, Vol. XVIII, nº 1030. <<http://www.ub.es/geocrit/b3w-1030.htm>>. [ISSN 1138-9796].

- BLANCO, I.; NELLO COLOM, O. (Coord) (2018) "La segregación urbana: Marco teórico-conceptual y estado de la cuestión", *Barrios y crisis*. València: Tirant lo Blanc , p. 27-49

### 5.3 - Claiming the right to the city

- BORJA, J. (2012) "Conclusiones generales. Tesis de doctorado", en *Revolución urbana y derechos ciudadanos: claves para interpretar las contradicciones de la Ciudad actual*, Universitat de Barcelona, Marzo de 2012., p. 519-532

[http://www.tdx.cat/bitstream/handle/10803/83360/01.JBS\\_1de2.pdf;jsessionid=982183D1D587DF091EE8D937BCDDC59C.5.4](http://www.tdx.cat/bitstream/handle/10803/83360/01.JBS_1de2.pdf;jsessionid=982183D1D587DF091EE8D937BCDDC59C.5.4)  
Les visions alternatives: la ciutat col.laborativa i l'urbanisme de codi obert

### 5.4 - New policies and intervention proposals

-La Trama Urbana (2014), "Entre l'excepcionalitat i la informalitat: apunts per a un urbanisme postbombolla", in *Papers.Revista de l'Institut d'Estudis Regionals i Metropolitans de Barcelona*, Núm.57 (gener 2014), Monogràfic: Discursos emergents per a un nou urbanisme, pp.55-62 [http://www.iermb.uab.es/htm/revistaPapers\\_numeros.asp?id=62](http://www.iermb.uab.es/htm/revistaPapers_numeros.asp?id=62)

- Mardones, N.; Luque, J.; Aseguinolaza, I. (2019) " La ciudad del cuarto de hora, ¿una solución sostenible para la ciudad postCOVID-19?", *Ciudad y Territorio - Estudios Territoriales*, vol. LII, nº 205, 2020, p. 653-664. <https://recyt.fecyt.es/index.php/CyTET/article/view/83491>

## Methodology

Activity	CODIFICATION / description / typology TPD	O*	G*	HP*	HNP*
Lecture (M)	AULA 1.33.2 - 22 sessions.	O1, O2		44	36
Seminars (S)					
Practicum (P)	Practical sessions (classroom and field work) and seminars. Two Computer lab sessions: 04/10 i 25/10 (9,30-11,30H.) . Two fieldwork sessions on: 29/11/2023 and 13/12/2023, mornings	O2, O3		12	
Projects (T)	A socio-urban diagnosis work in a neighborhood in the city of Lleida or in a municipality (with more than 5,000 inhabitants) will be based on the analysis of the sources of urban studies that are going to work on practical sessions.	O1, O2, O3			24
Tutoring (Tut)	As much guiding as the students needs; during office hours				
Others (AA)					
Evaluation (AV)	See table on evaluation mechanisms			4	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	The total has to add up to 187.5 h (7.5 ECTS) or 150 h (6 ECTS)			60	90

O: Objective. G: number of groups involved in the activity. HP: hours of seminars and lectures. HNP: hours of independent student work.

## Evaluation

Evaluation mechanisms	codification / description-criteria / typology TPD	O*	activitat	%*
Attendance and participation (As)	Active participation in class debates (As)		lectures and debates (M)	15
Evaluation (TA) 1 - (Exam 1)	A first evaluation at the end of Themes 1 and 2 when this second theme is finished. In any case, you will be notified a week before.			30
Evaluation (TA) 2- (Exam 2)	A second evaluation on the rest of the subjects at the end of the course (08/01/2024 at 4pm at 1.03).			30
Projects (T)	A socio-urban diagnosis work in a neighborhood in the city of Lleida or in a municipality (with more than 5,000 inhabitants) will be based on the analysis of the sources of urban studies that are going to work on practical sessions.		Project (T)	25
<b>TOTAL</b>				100

O: Objective. %: percentage on the final grade.

### RECOVERY EXAMINATION ON THE SYLLABUS (whole):

If the average of the exams is lower than 5, you can take an exam of the entire syllabus: 01/29/2024 - Room 1.16

## ABOUT ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT:

Students who want to ask for alternative assessment must submit an employment contract or justify, in a letter addressed to the dean, the reasons that make it impossible for him/her to carry out the continuous assessment within five (5) days after the beginning of the semester. For information, please send an e-mail to [lletres.secretariacentre@udl.cat](mailto:lletres.secretariacentre@udl.cat) or ask for information at the Faculty's academic office (Secretaria Acadèmica de la Facultat de Lletres).

In case of alternative assessment, the diagnostic work will be carried out and a single examination will be carried out on 08/01/2024. If the exam is suspended, there is a right to recovery.

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- BORJA, J.; MUXI, Z. (2003), *El espacio público: ciudad y ciudadanía*. Barcelona: Electa
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- MUÑOZ Francesc (2008), *Urbanización. Paisajes comunes, lugares globales*. Barcelona: Gustavo Gili, pp. 215
- NEL.LO, O (2015) *La Ciudad en movimiento. Crisis social y respuesta ciudadana*. Madrid: Diaz&Pons, p. 205.
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## Some interesting web pages and blogs in the framework of the subject:

<http://www.laciudadviva.org/>

La Ciudad Viva (LCV) es una iniciativa de la Consejería de Fomento y Vivienda de la Junta de Andalucía que se inscribe dentro de un proyecto político de mejora de la habitabilidad urbana y territorial, a través del diseño social, sostenible y productivo de los espacios públicos y domésticos de nuestras ciudades, reflexionar sobre el alcance de las nuevas dinámicas complejas de las ciudades, valorar y analizar las iniciativas que responden de manera más adecuada a estos Nuevos requerimientos, son tareas de vital importancia y que nos incumben a todos en estos momentos.

<http://www.paisajetransversal.org/>

Paisaje Transversal es una OFICINA que impulsa, coordina, diseña y asesora procesos de transformación y análisis urbano desde la participación, la ecología y la creatividad, siempre adaptados a la realidad local.

Además, Paisaje Transversal lleva funcionando desde 2007 como PLATAFORMA de pensamiento e investigación sobre la ciudad y el territorio. Esta plataforma sirve como apoyo teórico a la oficina y su imagen más visible es este blog [www.paisajetransversal.org](http://www.paisajetransversal.org). Uno de los blogs más influyentes de arquitectura en castellano en el mundo desde hace más de 4 años.

<https://www.ggu2015.com/>

Web del grup de Geografia Urbana de la Asociación de Geógrafos Españoles.

<http://www.cafedelasciudades.com.ar/carajillo/>

Página del Área de Gestión de la Ciudad y Urbanismo de la UOC y la revista on-line que publica en Buenos Aires el arquitecto Marcelo Corti.

<http://www.observatoriometropolitano.org/que-es-el-observatorio-metropolitano/>

Observatorio Metropolitano, un proyecto que reúne a diversos colectivos multidisciplinares en un espacio de reflexión sobre los fenómenos de transformación que caracterizan hoy a las metrópolis contemporáneas partiendo del caso de Madrid

<http://www.ciudadesaescalahumana.org/>

Ciudades a escala humana. Blog de Manuel Fernandez, consultor independent especialitzat en pensament urbà estratègic i dissenyador de accions innovatives.

<http://oriolnello.blogspot.com.es/>

Blog de Oriol Nel.lo Colom.

<http://nomada.blogs.com/>

Nomada. Blog del pensador Juan Freire sobre la societat i el coneixement oberts

<http://cadaveresinmobiliarios.org/>

Cadaveres inmobiliarios. Base de Datos Post-burbuja. Localizar y documentar en una base de datos abierta todos los desarrollos que murieron antes de tiempo.

<http://towardsthehumancity.org/>

Financiarización de la economía – urbanismo - <https://vimeo.com/220950799?>

[t=1&cn=ZmxleGlibGVfcmVjc18y&iid=4822dcf10db14abd966818439508a4ea&uid=1201182474&nid=244+272699400](https://vimeo.com/220950799?t=1&cn=ZmxleGlibGVfcmVjc18y&iid=4822dcf10db14abd966818439508a4ea&uid=1201182474&nid=244+272699400)