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The City in American History

Required Reading

Ronald Bayor	<i>Race and the Shaping of Twentieth-Century Atlanta</i>
Greg Hise	<i>Magnetic Los Angeles: Planning the Twentieth-Century Metropolis</i>
Clifton Hood	<i>722 Miles: The Building of the Subways and How They Transformed New York</i>
Roger Biles	<i>Richard J. Daley: Politics, Race and the Governing of Chicago</i>

This course analyzes U.S. urban development from the colonial period to the present. We will look at various topics, concentrating on policy decisions that shaped and developed the modern city. Special attention is given to housing issues and the problems of the urban poor.

Requirements include two essay exams that will include questions on the readings (midterm and final—each worth 25 percent of grade) and a term paper (40 percent). Class participation and a short quiz on one of your readings during the term (which will be announced beforehand) will be worth 10 percent of your grade. The term paper should be at least 10 text pages in length (double-spaced), with source notes and a bibliography. *All students should meet with me at least once on their topic to discuss sources etc. Topic titles should be given to me for approval by **September 9.***

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Lectures and Assignments

Week of:

Aug. 19	Urban Policies and Problems: Defining the Issues; The Colonial City (city planning, sanitation, health, poverty Crime, police, fire)
Aug. 26	The Role of Immigration and Race in Urban Development Read Bayor, entire book
Sept. 2	The Housing Problem (the emergence and “solution” of the Slum problem)
Sept. 9	The Housing Problem—continued
Sept. 16	Planning Cities; Read Hise, entire book
Sept. 23	Planning Cities—continued
Sept. 30	The New Urban Technology; Read Hood, entire book
Oct. 7	The Urban Crisis (poverty, crime, schools, public health)
Oct. 14	The Urban Crisis—continued
Oct. 21	The Development of Suburbia
Oct. 28	Suburbia—continued
Nov. 4	City Government: Political Machines and Bosses; Read Biles, entire book
Nov. 11	City Government: Reformers and Business Leaders
Nov. 18	The City Economy
Nov. 25	Neighborhood Control and Regionalism
Dec. 2	The Future of the City

Midterm Exam is scheduled for **September 18**
Term Papers are due on **November 25**

