

Global Metropolitan Studies

Overview

The 21st century will be an urban century with more people around the world residing in metropolitan regions than in any other form of human settlement. This urbanization is taking place in both the global North and the global South. Its implications are widespread: from environmental challenges to entrenched patterns of segregation to new configurations of politics and social movements. The Global Metropolitan Studies Initiative is concerned with this urban condition. Bringing together numerous faculty, this multidisciplinary endeavor supports research and houses graduate and undergraduate curricula. It is one of a handful of strategic initiatives selected by the UC Berkeley campus to mark a new generation of scholarship and to consolidate an emerging academic field.

Undergraduate Program

There is no undergraduate program in Global Metropolitan Studies.

Graduate Program

Global Metropolitan Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/graduate/degree-programs/global-metropolitan-studies>) : Designated Emphasis (DE)

Global Metropolitan Studies

GMS 200 Global Metropolitan Studies: Introduction to Theories, Histories, and Methods 3 Units

The investigation of modern cities presents great challenges for social and urban theory. This seminar addresses these challenges through a multidisciplinary perspective that structures the discussion in terms of a history of metropolitan transformations, global urbanization, and the production and regulation of cities as spaces of contestation and creativity.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Ph.D. student in Global Metropolitan Studies Designated Emphasis, or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Metropolitan Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

GMS 201 Research Seminar in Comparative Urban Studies 3 Units

This core seminar for the Designated Emphasis in Global Metropolitan Studies offers an in-depth examination of contemporary research topics, data and methods, recent research findings, and challenges in specific subfields of international urban studies. Emphasis will be placed upon the discussion and improvement of students' dissertation chapters.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Ph.D. candidate in Global Metropolitan Studies Designated Emphasis or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Metropolitan Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Post

GMS C203 Urban and Subnational Politics in Developing Countries 4 Units

This course will consider the political and institutional environment in which efforts to address metropolitan problems are developed, the financial and institutional vehicles used to provide services of different types, and the role of political parties and other forms of political organization in the development and allocation of services. Emphasis will be placed upon fertile areas for research within the social sciences.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate student standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Metropolitan Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: POL SCI C203

GMS 299 Independent Study or Research 1 - 12 Units

Individual study or research program; must be worked out with GMS faculty in advance of signing up for credits.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Restricted to GMS Designated Emphasis Ph.D. students

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 5.5 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Metropolitan Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.