

# TOROS ÜNİVERSİTESİ

Faculty Of Fine Arts, Design And Architecture  
Architecture

## Course Information

URBAN SOCIOLOGY					
Code	Semester	Theoretical	Practice	National Credit	ECTS Credit
		Hour / Week			
ARC374	Spring	3	0	3	3

<b>Prerequisites and co-requisites</b>	None
<b>Language of instruction</b>	Turkish
<b>Type</b>	Elective
<b>Level of Course</b>	Bachelor's
<b>Lecturer</b>	Prof. Dr. Ahmet ÖZER
<b>Mode of Delivery</b>	Face to Face
<b>Suggested Subject</b>	None
<b>Professional practise ( internship )</b>	None
<b>Objectives of the Course</b>	(1) The aim of this course is to help the students perceive the multi-dimensional character of urban phenomena; to understand the interaction between economic, social, political and spatial issues as well as the deep nature of the planning process, which interacts with all areas of social life.. (2) The second aim is to reveal the connection between urban phenomena and the intellectual climate by discussing urban social theories in a historical perspective. (3) The third aim is to discuss current urban issues and planning practices in relation to social theories.
<b>Contents of the Course</b>	Basic concepts and their variations with theoretical background: Space, place; private and public spheres; private and public areas; social meanings of morphology; deterministic approach; critical approach; relational approach. Sociological analysis of the evolution in urban places with an emphasis on their multidimensional nature. Historical background of current urban concepts and phenomena like community, community based organization, participation, city identity, governance stc.. Classical social theories of the modern city (macro and micro theories). Contemporary theories of the city. Current concepts and issues.

## Learning Outcomes of Course

#	Learning Outcomes
1	Students shall gain knowledge of the basic instruments of urban sociology.
2	Students shall gain knowledge of various theories and models concerning the urban space and its dynamics
3	Students shall gain knowledge about varying approaches to the identity and role
4	Students gain the ability to identify the issues underlying current phenomena and treating them in different perspectives.

## Course Syllabus

#	Subjects	Teaching Methods and Technics
1	INTRODUCTION - THE CITY AND THE SOCIAL THEORY: Explanation of the concept of social structure and the role of space in it. The space as an element of social dynamics. An overview of different theoretical approaches to the urban phenomenon [macro and micro theories]	Lecture, Sampling, Discussion
2	THE CONCEPTS OF SPACE AND PLACE: absolute space; objective space; relative space; social space; economic space; political space. Early cities-Ziggurats: Examples of symbolic and functional powers of space/place.	Lecture, Sampling, Discussion
3	Deterministic Theories which explain morphological differences. The relation between political structure and the urban	Lecture,

	morphology – The example of polis. Introduction to the concept of public sphere, public space.	Sampling, Discussion
4	The relation between institutions, political structure and urban space. Theories of public sphere; public space.	Lecture, Sampling, Discussion
5	Economic, political, social dynamics and the city. Multidimensional explanations of the fall and rise –renaissance- of the city.	Lecture, Sampling, Discussion
6	URBAN IDENTITY – COMMUNES- LOCALITY – AUTONOMY: Guilds, communes and the free city movements as the forerunners of municipalities. The early communes. Communes in perspective of organizational typology: Primary and Secondary Type Social Relations.	Lecture, Sampling, Discussion
7	Historic roots of urban organization: The guild and the Mahalle. Ottoman cities: typology; the administration of the region and the city; comparisons with the Western local administration tradition.	Lecture, Sampling, Discussion
8	Mid-term	Exam
9	The Mahalla – Social Capital - Participation; Basics of Social Capital; community based organizations and participation. Issues of community based organization in the contemporary mahalla.	Lecture, Sampling, Discussion
10	THE BIRTH OF THE MODERN CITY The new climate of thought; the interaction between technology, politics, geography, economics, and culture. New social categories and their spaces in the cities of the Renaissance, New Age, Baroque.	Lecture, Sampling, Discussion
11	SOCIAL ISSUES IN THE MODERN CITY Economic, social and spatial characteristics of the modern city. Varying explanations to the growing social issues: CLASSICAL MACRO THEORIES: The Functionalist Theory	Lecture, Sampling, Discussion
12	CLASSICAL MACRO THEORIES (cont.): The Critical Approach CLASSICAL MICRO THEORIES: The Blasé Attitude, the Anomie Theory etc..	Lecture, Sampling, Discussion
13	The relation between sociological theories of the city and planning approaches: Planners; utopias.	Lecture, Sampling, Discussion
14	CONTEMPORARY THEORIES: Varying explanations to urban dynamics and models. Chicago School; Critical Approach.	Lecture, Sampling, Discussion
15	THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK FOR CURRENT ISSUES Discussion of current phenomena like urban regeneration, renewal, filtration, gentrification, differentiation, segregation in the light of classical and contemporary theories.	Lecture, Sampling, Discussion
16	Final Exam	Exam

## Course Syllabus

#	Material / Resources	Information About Resources	Reference / Recommended Resources
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## Method of Assessment

#	Weight	Work Type	Work Title
1	40%	Mid-Term Exam	Mid-Term Exam
2	60%	Final Exam	Final Exam

## Relationship between Learning Outcomes of Course and Program Outcomes

#	Learning Outcomes	Program Outcomes	Method of Assessment
1	Students shall gain knowledge of the basic instruments of urban sociology.	2,9,18	1,2
2	Students shall gain knowledge of various theories and models concerning the urban space and its dynamics	2,9,18	1,2
3	Students shall gain knowledge about varying approaches to the identity and role	2,9,18	1,2

4	Students gain the ability to identify the issues underlying current phenomena and treating them in different perspectives.	2,9,18	1,2
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PS. The numbers, which are shown in the column Method of Assessment, presents the methods shown in the previous table, titled as Method of Assessment.

## Work Load Details

#	Type of Work	Quantity	Time (Hour)	Work Load
1	Course Duration	14	3	42
2	Course Duration Except Class (Preliminary Study, Enhancement)	14	2	28
3	Presentation and Seminar Preparation	0	0	0
4	Web Research, Library and Archival Work	0	0	0
5	Document/Information Listing	0	0	0
6	Workshop	0	0	0
7	Preparation for Midterm Exam	1	10	10
8	Midterm Exam	1	1	1
9	Quiz	0	0	0
10	Homework	0	0	0
11	Midterm Project	0	0	0
12	Midterm Exercise	0	0	0
13	Final Project	0	0	0
14	Final Exercise	0	0	0
15	Preparation for Final Exam	1	8	8
16	Final Exam	1	1	1
				<b>90</b>