

## **COURSE GUIDE/SYLLABUS**

### **1. Urban Sociology (SOCI3132)**

#### **Background information**

Module coordinator/s name \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor's name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no.: Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact hour \_\_\_\_\_

#### **I. Objective of the course**

The course aims to introduce the student to the field of urban sociology. It attempts to familiarize students to the process of urbanization (its base, origin, and development), characteristics of urban centers and patterns of the city, theories of urbanism, as well as urban pathology and therapy. The course also tries to deal with these issues as they related to the Third world and, more specifically, to Ethiopia.

#### **II. Mode of Delivery and Study Hour**

The mode of delivery for this course is interactive teaching and learning, independent learning and collaborative learning. The total study hours allocated for this course is 135 hours. Of this time, 30 hours is allocated for lectures, 19 hours for assignments, 15 hours for presentation, 20 hours for tutorials and problem solving sessions, 16 hours for assessment and 35 hours for independent study.

#### **III. Learning Outcomes**

After completing this course, learners will be able to

- Understand basic concepts and various theoretical perspectives in Urban Sociology, the differences between rural and urban, and the various phases of urbanization.
- Describe the various types of urban places, problems and solutions.
- Examine, through small scale supervised research, the various aspects of urbanization in Ethiopia.

#### **IV. Course contents**

- **Introduction:** *Areas of Research Interest of Urban Sociology, The Bases of Urbanization in Prehistory, Perspectives of defining Urbanization*
- **Characteristics of Urban and Urbanization:** *Rural Urban Differentials and the Rural-Urban Continuum, Distinct Phases of Urbanization , Manifestations and Consequences of Urbanization, Patterns and Consequences of Urbanization in Poor Countries*
- **Sociological Perspectives in Urban Sociology:** *Max Weber, Georg Simmel, and Oswald Spengler, The Ecology of Urban Life, Urbanism as a Way of Life*
- **Urban Places, Urban Policy, Pathology and Therapy, The Nature of Urban Policy, Urban Decay, Urban Renewal**
- **Ethiopian Urbanization and Urban Centers:** *Ethiopian Urbanization in Historical Perspective, Urbanization in Contemporary Ethiopia, Physical and Social Features of Ethiopian Towns*

## V. Mode of Assessment

Students will be evaluated on the basis of **presentation**, a **term paper** (which they will write following all standards of academic writing) test and a final examination.

- **Presentation:** students will select one topic from the course content prepare an oral presentation based on a review of scientific journal articles and make an oral presentation. This will account for 10 % of the total mark.
- **Assignment:** students will select one contemporary urban issue and make a primary research. This will account for 25 % of the total mark.
- **Tests:** ---15%
- **Final examination:** a written final examination will be administered at the end of the course .This will account for 50 % of the total mark.

## Reading Materials

- Staff of the Department of Sociology. 1975. *Readings in Urban Sociology*. Department of Sociology, AAU.
- Ottaway, Marina. 1976. *Urbanization in Ethiopia: A Text with Integrated Readings*. Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, AAU, Addis Ababa.
- Flanagan, William. 1995. *Urban Sociology: Images and Structures*. Second Edition, Allyn and Bacon, Boston.
- Gmelch, G. and Zenner, W. 1980. *Urban Life: Readings in Urban Anthropology*. St. Martins Press, New York.