

Approval: 16th Senate Meeting

Course Number	: HS533
Course Name	Urban Development
Credits	: 3-0-0-3
Prerequisites	: None
Intended for	: Post graduate students, 3 rd and 4 th Year B.Tech students (with instructor's permission)
Distribution	: Elective course for M.A. in Development Studies, Elective for others
Semester	: Even/Odd

1. Preamble:

21st Century is going to experience rapid urbanisation. India, as like many other developing countries, is also urbanising and more than 30 percent of population live in cities. It is estimated that by the year 2030 more than half of Indian population will live in the cities. Cities are seen as centres of power, economic and social and cultural experiments. This has formed a hierarchy among the cities. The cities are seen competing each other and have joined to race to become centres of every possible change. At one hand cities offer opportunities for social mobility. On the other, life in cities is full of challenges and stress. The everyday is full with challenges of transit and movement, housing, adequate arrangements of basic urban amenities and so on. Proper urban planning and governance are the requirements of the time. However, this requires a critical engagement with urban world. The course offers ways to understand urban systems and provides tools to arrive at solutions to urban problems. This course will be useful to the students as it equips them with necessary tools to pursue a career in urban development.

2. Course module with quantitative lecture hours

Module 1: Making Sense of Urban (8 Lecture Hours)

Understanding Urbanisation and Urbanism
Official Definition and Categorisation of Cities in India
Trends, Debates, and Trajectories of Urbanisation in India
Urban Migration and Patterns of Migration

Module 2: The City as an Object of Study (12 Lecture Hours)

The Chicago School (Louis Wirth, Robert Park, Ernest Burgess)
New Urban Sociology (Manuel Castells, David Harvey and debates with early urban sociology)

Cities in the World System: Global Cities (Saskia Sassen) and Spaces of Flows (Manuel Castells)
The Stranger and the City (George Simmel, Ash Amin)
Thinking about the city (Davis, Henri Lefebvre, Michel de Certeau, Jane Jacobs)
Ideas on City: World-class City; Mega City; Global City; Ordinary City, Small Cities

Module 3: Urban Planning (10 Lecture Hours)

Origins and Paradigms of Urban Planning in India
Colonial Capital Cities such as Delhi and Calcutta
Colonial Port Cities: Bombay and Madras
Planned Cities such as Chandigarh and Bhubaneswar
Company Industrial Towns such as Jamshedpur and Bhilai
Emerging Megacities such as Bengaluru and Hyderabad
Politics of Land and Infrastructure; Growth of Real Estate
Failure and Paradox of Planning in India

Module 4: Informal City (6 Lecture Hours)

Informal Sector: Concept, Prevalence, Livelihoods and Settlements
Public Spaces and Contestations
Logics of Segregation, Resident Welfare Associations, Gated Communities
Urban Poverty
Slums

Module 5: Governing the Indian City (6 Lecture Hours)

Political Economy of Basic Services Provision and Infrastructure
Urban Decentralisation/Municipal Arrangement
Urban Policy Paradigms
Urban Commons
Small Town Governance and Subaltern Urbanisation
Smart City

3. Textbooks: None

UGC-INFLIBNET e-Pathshala course Sociology of Urban Transformations is recommended.
Select Journal Articles and book chapters.

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