

# URB 3010 Contemporary U.S. Cities

**Instructor: Professor Dan Immergluck, Urban Studies Institute**  
**FALL 2020, Tuesday/Thursday 11-12:15**

This class engages students in some of the key challenges and opportunities in U.S. cities today. Examples:

- Why do some metropolitan areas seem to be growing and others not?
- What does gentrification look like? Can displacement be reduced?
- What makes for a good urban transportation system?
- How can jobs and economic activity be brought to lower-income neighborhoods?
- What does the suburbanization of poverty mean for cities and suburbs?
- What role does discrimination play in the perpetuation of segregation and housing disparities? What can be done to reduce segregation?
- What does the coronavirus pandemic mean for cities?

The class involves exposure to community activists, urban planners, and policy makers and engages these issues in metropolitan Atlanta as well as other urban contexts.

## **Course evaluations from Fall, 2018: (20 of 22 students responding):**

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| • I am pleased how much I learned in the course                           | 4.9/5.0 |
| • The instructor was effective as a teacher                               | 5.0/5.0 |
| • How would you rate the overall teaching effectiveness of the instructor | 5.0/5.0 |
| • What is your overall rating of this course                              | 5.0/5.0 |

## **Student comments:**

- *Course materials were relevant to today and made me think about how our cities are shaped.*
- *The curriculum pulls back the curtain on how cities function and operate. The manner in which he did this provided a hands-on approach.*
- *Very interactive.*
- *Very understanding. Keeps the class engaged.*
- *I appreciated his lecture style which was almost conversational. He engaged students and allowed the conversation to flow - even if that meant he didn't get to all his points.*
- *Immergluck was very knowledgeable about the topics and was very easy to ask questions to. Made class enjoyable!*
- *Knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the subject.*
- *Extensive knowledge not only in Atlanta but other cities as well.*
- *Extremely knowledgeable about subject matter - Is very enthusiastic about classroom participation, which made me want to participate more in class.*
- *The instructor is very knowledgeable and passionate about urban studies.*
- *Prof. Immergluck is easily one of the best professors I have had.*