



MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Transforming Cities		
Module Code	UBGMKV-30-3	Level	Level 6
For implementation from	2019-20		
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15
Faculty	Faculty of Environment & Technology	Field	Geography and Environmental Management
Department	FET Dept of Geography & Environmental Mgmt		
Module type:	Standard		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
<p>Features: Module Entry Requirements: 60 credits at level 2</p> <p>Educational Aims: Throughout the developed world, cities have been experiencing profound changes. Transformations have been occurring in their economic bases, their social make-up, their patterns of social and cultural activity, their physical landscapes, the symbolic images they present to external and internal audiences, the ways they are governed, and the environmental challenges they face. The overall aim of the module is to develop an understanding of the causes and consequences of these changes, and to review and assess the responses to them, both by national governments and by individual cities themselves. The module draws on current theoretical ideas in the field of urban studies and related disciplines, and on recent academic and practice-based research, illustrating key case studies.</p> <p>In addition the educational experience may explore, develop, and practise but not formally discretely assess the following:</p> <p>Debate and reflect on the direction of future policies to tackle urban problems Develop the skills of individual thinking, group debate and critical analysis of the academic and grey literature</p>

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Outline Syllabus: The syllabus is divided into four sections. Indicative content is:

Part 1: Making sense of how cities are transforming:

From production to information and consumption

Globalisation

Social polarisation and exclusion

Social and cultural diversity

New forms of urban governance

New urban spaces

Part 2: The evolution of national urban policy:

The early years of regeneration: social and community welfare (1968-1979)

Entrepreneurial regeneration (1980s)

Competition and sustainability (1990s)

Urban renaissance and neighbourhood renewal (1997-2010)

Regeneration in the age of austerity (2010-)

Part 3: City-level policy responses:

Place image, rebranding and marketing

Inter-city collaborative networks

Fostering the creative industries

Promoting the social economy

Part 4: Themes and debates in city transformation:

Competitive advantage and the city

Social exclusion, social cohesion and social capital

From city government to city governance

Community involvement and volunteering in urban regeneration

Postmodernism and the urban landscape

Sustainable development, climate change and city planning

Teaching and Learning Methods: There will be a programme of interactive lectures to introduce and explore key ideas related to transforming cities. The teaching and learning methods aim to enhance the key skills of critical analysis of a variety of sources, wide reading and writing academic essays. There will be a 3- hour session each week combining a lecture with discussion to enable students to engage with the content and the reading beyond the lecture element. Students will be expected to complete weekly readings and/or other activities as relevant to the lecture content.

Scheduled learning comprises weekly interactive lectures.

Independent learning comprises hours engaged with essential reading, completion of activities, and coursework and examination preparation and completion.

Contact Hours:

3 hours of contact each week of the academic year will be allocated. This will comprise a weekly slot comprising a combination of interactive lectures and group discussion.

In addition to the formal classes, students will be set key reading and/or activity each week to complete for the following session.

The amount of time spent on activities in this module is:

Activity:

Contact time: 72 hours

Assimilation and development of knowledge: 150 hours

Exam preparation: 39 hours

Coursework preparation: 39 hours

Total study time: 300 hours

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Part 3: Assessment

Summative Assessment:

Component A: Written Examination (2 hours):

Timing: semester 2 examination period

Unseen question paper

Students will answer two questions from a choice of six

Answers will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Relevance of the content of the essay to the question set

Structure and organisation

Grounding in literature, and use of evidence and supporting material

Clarity, coherence and depth of argument

Standards of literacy and presentation

Component B: essay (3000 words):

Timing: end of semester 1

Answers will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Relevance of the content of the essay to the question set

Structure and organisation

Grounding in literature, and use of evidence and supporting material

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Formative assessment

Formative feedback will be in the form of discussion and activities based on set readings and exercises as the module progresses, and on feedback of a detailed essay plan

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Written Assignment - Component B		50 %	Essay (3000 words)
Examination - Component A	✓	50 %	Examination
Resit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Written Assignment - Component B		50 %	Essay (3000 words)
Examination - Component A	✓	50 %	Examination

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Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods																	
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Reading List	<p><i>The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link:</i></p> <p>https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ubgmkv-30-3.html</p>																

Part 5: Contributes Towards
This module contributes towards the following programmes of study: