



COURSE OUTLINE
Advanced Topics in Geography - Urban Mobility

Office Hours: Tuesdays 10:30-12 noon

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Urban Mobility (Geog 491) provides a unique applied learning experience for students to explore and creatively engage with a range of urban transportation issues in Canada and in the Victoria area specifically. Public transit, active transportation, road safety, bicycle planning and design and innovations in urban mobility will be addressed in the context of planning, policy and geography of Victoria and the Capital Region. The course will feature numerous guest presentations from local area city planners, professionals and community leaders, facilitated by local transportation consultant and advocate Ray Straatsma. At least half of our classes will take place at downtown Victoria locations; special presentations at other locations as well as walk and bicycle tours will also take place during class time.

KEY THEMES: Cities in the 20th & 21st century; urban transportation & development; transit planning and design; active transportation; walkable cities and urban design; bicycle planning and infrastructure

REQUIRED TEXT(S)

Jeff Speck– *Walkable City* (\$18.50 – at UVic Bookstore)

RECOMMENDED TEXT(S)

Janette Sadik-Khan - *Streetfight*

Charles Montgomery - *Happy City*.

Selected readings will be provided on Course Spaces

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course successful students will be able to clearly and insightfully articulate:

1. The regional and international context within which a renewed interest in active transportation and urban infrastructure investments are taking place
2. Multiple perspectives on urban planning, multi-modal transportation and active transportation in the context of urban and built environments – and the benefits and challenges of retrofitting transportation systems
3. The complexities of developing and implementing city planning initiatives and the challenges, barriers, politics, and strategies involved

4. The rationale and details of active transportation investments in City of Victoria, District of Saanich, UVic and other jurisdictions, and be able to critically assess the planning process
5. The extent to which active transport and related mobility investments support broader urban and regional sustainability efforts
6. The importance of qualitative and quantitative data (and methods) to support urban planning initiatives

EVALUATION

1. Participation & Quiz (20%)
2. Assignment #1 – Policy/Planning Project - (30%)
3. Assignment #2 – Street, Corridor or Site Analysis and Design (30%)
4. Assignment #3 – In-Class Slide Presentation (20%)

GRADING SYSTEM

As per the Academic Calendar:

Grade	Grade point value	Grade scale	Description
A+	9	90-100%	Exceptional, outstanding and excellent performance. Normally achieved by a minority of students. These grades indicate a student who is self-initiating, exceeds expectation and has an insightful grasp of the subject matter.
A	8	85-89%	
A-	7	80-84%	
B+	6	77-79%	Very good, good and solid performance. Normally achieved by the largest number of students. These grades indicate a good grasp of the subject matter or excellent grasp in one area balanced with satisfactory grasp in the other area.
B	5	73-76%	
B-	4	70-72%	
C+	3	65-69%	Satisfactory, or minimally satisfactory. These grades indicate a satisfactory performance and knowledge of the subject matter.
C	2	60-64%	
D	1	50-59%	Marginal Performance. A student receiving this grade demonstrated a superficial grasp of the subject matter.
F	0	0-49%	Unsatisfactory performance. Wrote final examination and completed course requirements; no supplemental.
N	0	0-49%	Did not write examination or complete course requirements by the end of term or session; no supplemental.

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT INFO

- Geography Department website: uvic.ca/socialsciences/geography/
- Undergraduate Advising: geogadvising@uvic.ca

COURSESPACES

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POLICY ON LATE ASSIGNMENTS

A deduction of 5% for late submission of two days. 15% for 5 days or more. Please contact me with any assignment issues or timing.

POLICY ON ATTENDANCE

Attendance is expected at all classes. Please advise in advance if you cannot make a class.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is every student's responsibility to be aware of the university's policies on academic integrity, including policies on **cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized use of an editor, multiple submission, and aiding others to cheat.**

Policy on Academic Integrity: web.uvic.ca/calendar2019-09/undergrad/info/regulations/academic-integrity.html

If you have any questions or doubts, talk to me, your course instructor. For more information, see uvic.ca/learningandteaching/cac/index.php.

ACCESSIBILITY

Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. In particular, if you have a documented disability or health consideration that may require accommodations, please feel free to approach me and/or the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL as soon as possible <https://www.uvic.ca/services/cal/>). The CAL staff is available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals, and arrange appropriate accommodations. The sooner you let us know your needs, the quicker we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.

POSITIVITY AND SAFETY

The University of Victoria is committed to promoting, providing and protecting a positive and safe learning and working environment for all its members.

SEXUALIZED VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE AT UVIC

UVic takes sexualized violence seriously, and has raised the bar for what is considered acceptable behaviour. We encourage students to learn more about how the university defines sexualized violence and its overall approach by visiting uvic.ca/svp. If you or someone you know has been impacted by sexualized violence and needs information, advice, and/or support please contact the sexualized violence resource office in Equity and Human Rights (EQHR). Whether or not you have been directly impacted, if you want to take part in the important prevention work taking place on campus, you can also reach out:

Where: Sexualized violence resource office in EQHR; Sedgewick C119

Phone: 250.721.8021

Email: svpcoordinator@uvic.ca

Web: uvic.ca/svp

COURSE EXPERIENCE SURVEY (CES)

I value your feedback on this course. Towards the end of term, as in all other courses at UVic, you will have the opportunity to complete an anonymous survey regarding your learning experience (CES). The survey is vital to providing feedback to me regarding the course and my teaching, as well as to help the department improve the overall program for students in the future. The survey is accessed via MyPage and can be done on your laptop, tablet, or mobile device. I will remind you and provide you with more detailed information nearer the time but please be thinking about this important activity during the course.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Important UVic Calendar dates are here: web.uvic.ca/calendar2019-09/general/dates.html

WEEK	DATE	Location
1	September 5	HSD A250 (Health and Social Development Bldg)
2	Sept 12	Victoria City Hall
3	Sept 19	The HUB 829 Fort St.
4	Sept 26	The HUB 829 Fort St.
5	October 3	The HUB 829 Fort St.
6	Oct 10	BC Transit Head Office
7	Oct 17	CRD Head Office (625 Fisgard)
8	Oct 24	HSD A250
9	Oct 31	HSD A250
10	November 7	The HUB 829 Fort St.
11	Nov 14	The HUB 829 Fort St.
12	Nov 21	HSD A250
13	Nov 28	HSD A250

September 20 – Last day for adding classes in the 1st term

October 30 – Last day for withdrawing from 1st term classes without penalty of failing

DISCLAIMER

The above schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.

NOTE:

A note to remind you to take care of yourself. Do your best to maintain a healthy lifestyle this semester by eating well, exercising, getting enough sleep and taking some time to relax. This will help you achieve your goals and cope with stress. All of us benefit from support during times of struggle. You are not alone.

Counselling Services - *Counselling Services can help you make the most of your university experience. They offer free professional, confidential, inclusive support to currently registered UVic students. uvic.ca/services/counselling/*

Health Services - *University Health Services (UHS) provides a full service primary health clinic for students, and coordinates healthy student and campus initiatives. uvic.ca/services/health/*

Centre for Accessible Learning - *The CAL staff are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations uvic.ca/services/cal/. The sooner you let us know your needs the quicker we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.*

Elders' Voices - *The Office of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement (IACE) has the privilege of assembling a group of Elders from local communities to guide students, staff, faculty and administration in Indigenous ways of knowing and being. uvic.ca/services/indigenous/students/programming/elders/index.php*