

**Assignment One: Research Paper Outline and Bibliography**

Due February 9, 2016 by 10:00 pm using the Moodle website, in either PDF or Word format. The preferred method is by electronic submission to the Moodle site. However, if you want to hand in a paper version, please send an email to [URBS230TA@gmail.com](mailto:URBS230TA@gmail.com) telling us that you will leave a paper version in Craig Townsend's mailbox (12<sup>th</sup> floor of the Hall Building, next to Geography, Planning and Environment main office), and then leave the paper version in the mailbox before February 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Please do not hand in both an electronic version and a paper. Assignments will be accepted after these times but will be penalized at a rate of 5% per day after the deadline. The assignment is worth 10% of the course grade.

The goals of the research paper outline and reference list are to: 1. choose a topic to research, 2. locate and select academic sources of information (books and journal articles) on that topic, 3. compile a correctly-formatted working reference list (under the heading "References") which should be at the top of a new page, of at least three academic works (academic journal articles or books) that you have found on the topic, 4. write an outline of topic headings or point form statements that will be used to structure the research paper, 5. provide a short introductory paragraph that introduces your topic and demonstrates the in-text citation style (using APA citation style – see <http://library.concordia.ca/help/citing/apa.php>) by citing an idea or quoting the words used directly from one of your references, and 6. provide a map of the city and a description of the boundary of the city indicated on the map.

This research paper outline and reference list will then be used as the basis for Assignment Two, which will be the full research paper. The feedback on this Research Paper Outline and Bibliography can then be incorporated into the final paper.

Choose one of the following topics:

1. A description of urbanization in a particular nation-state linking the official level of urbanization reported to the UN (see UN. (2015). *World Urbanization Prospects: 2014 Revision*. New York: UN Population Division, downloadable from <http://esa.un.org/unpd/wup/>) to processes of urbanization as described in the other, academic sources of information found in your research.
2. The growth of one particular city during one defined period of time. If it is in the latter twentieth century, relate the population figures reported in the UN 2015 report (see point above) to the information that you find in the other, academic sources of information found in your research.
3. The process of suburbanization of one particular city in the twentieth century.

### Additional Directions:

Sources: Avoid citing Wikipedia or websites that are not academic journals, except in the case of the city map, if absolutely necessary. Academic journals and books can be found through the Concordia University library website.

Organizing the work: In terms of arranging the work, it should start with cover page, then short introductory paragraph and outline (1-2 pages), followed by map (0.5-1 page), and then reference list (1 page).

### Guidelines for formatting:

- Include your last name and the assignment number in the name of the file. For example, a student named Townsend submitting a Word document should submit a file named “Townsend\_Assignment1.docx”.
- Text should be formatted using a 12 point, serif font such as Times, Garamond, or Bookman. The default preference is Times New Roman.
- Cover sheet with student name and number, course name and number, and date. See example below.
- No headers or footnotes, and do not include your name on the inside pages of the assignment – only on the cover page.
- Under the heading “References” or “Works Cited” alphabetically list the sources of data. Format references using the APA citation style:  
<http://library.concordia.ca/help/howto/apa.php>.
- Number pages using your word-processing program – not by hand.

If you have questions regarding the assignment, contact your URBS 230 TA, Jasmine Eftekhari, ([URBS230TA@gmail.com](mailto:URBS230TA@gmail.com)) or talk to your instructor, Craig Townsend after class or during office hours.

Recommended places to start looking for research materials:

Concordia Library Catalogue: CLUES and Academic Subject Databases such as Academic Search Complete or Sociological Abstracts.

Google Scholar

Browsing the library shelves:

- G140 Great Cities of the World
- GF125 Settlements-Cities, Urban Geography
- HT101-395 Urban Groups. The City. Urban Sociology
- HT165.5-169.9 City Planning
- HT170-178 Urban Renewal. Urban Redevelopment
- HT231 Effect of City Life
- HT321-325 The City as an Economic Factor. City Promotion
- HT351-352 Suburban Cities and Towns
- HT361-384 Urbanization. City and Country
- HV4032-4470.7 Poor in Cities. Slums
- JS39-8500 Local Government. Municipal Government

Some academic journals in Urban Studies:

- *Area*
- *Canadian Journal of Urban Research*
- *City*
- *European Planning Studies*
- *Growth and Change*
- *Housing Studies*
- *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*
- *Journal of Urban History*
- *Urban Affairs Review*
- *Urban Environment*
- *Urban Geography*
- *Urban History Review*
- *Urban Studies*

Avoiding plagiarism (copying others' ideas and words without formal citations):

The most common offense under the Academic Code of Conduct is plagiarism which the Code defines as "**the presentation of the work of another person as one's own or without proper acknowledgement**" (Article 16a).

This could be material copied word for word from books, journals, internet sites, professor's course notes, etc. It could be material that is paraphrased but closely resembles the original source. It could be the work of a fellow student, for example, an answer on a quiz, data for a lab report, a paper or assignment completed by another student. It might be a paper purchased through one of the many available sources. Plagiarism does not refer to words alone - it can also refer to copying images, graphs, tables, and ideas. "Presentation" is not limited to written work. It also includes oral presentations, computer assignments and artistic works. If you translate the work of another person into French or English and do not cite the source, this is also plagiarism. If you cite your own work without the correct citation, this too is plagiarism.

### **In simple words:**

Do not copy, paraphrase or translate anything from anywhere without saying from where you got it! Don't forget to use quotation marks!

(section above taken from the web page <http://www.concordia.ca/students/academic-integrity/plagiarism.html> which also answers most questions on the topic of plagiarism)

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