Global Metropolitan Studies

Overview
The twenty-first century is very likely to be an urban century, with more people around the world residing in metropolitan regions than in any other form of human settlement. This urbanization is taking place in both the global North and the global South. Its implications are widespread: from environmental challenges to entrenched patterns of segregation to new configurations of politics and social movements. The Global Metropolitan Studies Initiative is concerned with this urban condition. This multidisciplinary endeavor brings together many faculty and supports research. It is one of a handful of strategic initiatives selected by the UC Berkeley campus to mark a new generation of scholarship and to consolidate an emerging academic field.

The Designated Emphasis (DE) in Global Metropolitan Studies (GMS) is for UC Berkeley Ph.D. students interested in urban and metropolitan issues across the globe. The objective of the GMS Designated Emphasis is to support multidisciplinary doctoral-level education and research on global metropolitan issues, through a wide range of course offerings as well as through participation in seminars and conferences organized by GMS. The DE provides students with a context for the interdisciplinary exchange of ideas and development of research, opportunities for research funding, as well as a Designated Emphasis certification. Students applying to GMS may come from any discipline across campus.

Undergraduate Program
There is no undergraduate program in Global Metropolitan Studies.

Graduate Program
Global Metropolitan Studies (http://guide.berkeley.edu/graduate/degree-programs/global-metropolitan-studies): Designated Emphasis (DE)

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GMS 200 Global Metropolitan Studies: Introduction to Theories, Histories, and Methods 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
The investigation of modern cities presents great challenges for social and urban theory. This seminar addresses these challenges through a multidisciplinary perspective that structures the discussion in terms of a history of metropolitan transformations, global urbanization, and the production and regulation of cities as spaces of contestation and creativity.

GMS 201 Research Seminar in Comparative Urban Studies 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
This core seminar for the Designated Emphasis in Global Metropolitan Studies offers an in-depth examination of contemporary research topics, data and methods, recent research findings, and challenges in specific subfields of international urban studies. Emphasis will be placed upon the discussion and improvement of students’ dissertation chapters.
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GMS C203 Urban and Subnational Politics in Developing Countries 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2013
This course will consider the political and institutional environment in which efforts to address metropolitan problems are developed, the financial and institutional vehicles used to provide services of different types, and the role of political parties and other forms of political organization in the development and allocation of services. Emphasis will be placed upon fertile areas for research within the social sciences.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate student standing

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Global Metropolitan Studies/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Also listed as: POL SCI C203

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Independent Study or Research 1 - 12 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
Individual study or research program; must be worked out with GMS faculty in advance of signing up for credits.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Restricted to GMS Designated Emphasis Ph.D. students
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of independent study per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 5.5 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Global Metropolitan Studies/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

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