



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Urban Sociology

2425-2-E4001N080

Learning objectives

To provide the students with the basic conceptual and analytical instruments for developing reflections on the city.

Contents

The course is oriented to deal with the following issues:

- birth and development of the urban sociology in Italy and in the world,
- the traditional and more recent research themes in urban sociology,
- quantitative and qualitative research methods in urban sociology.

Detailed program

First part: urban sociology

- The sociological analysis of the city
- The evolution of the urban phenomena
- Economy and urban society
- City conflicts and government

- Urban policies
- The city and the culture
- Urban space and environment
- Spatial sociology

Second part: urban research methods

- The ecological analysis and the survey
- The qualitative approach
- Urban sociology topics: objective and subjective indicators
- Flânerie as a strategy for urban explorations
- The analysis of “third places”

Prerequisites

Knowledge of the Italian language, critical analysis skills, knowledge of basic methodology.

Teaching methods

Course of 56 Hours

Teaching Provision (DE) - face-to-face lectures with use of slides, audio and video - 75%

Interactive Didactics (DI) - exercises, subgroup work, presentation of case studies from which to develop individual and subgroup work, prepared and discussed during the course - 25%

Assessment methods

Exercises and presentations in classroom

Written examination in presence

Additional facultative oral exam is provided

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Required books:

Mela, A., *Sociologia delle città*, Carocci, Roma, (2006)

Nuvolati, G. e d'Ovidio, M., (a cura di), *Temi e metodi per la sociologia del territorio*, UTET, Torino (2022)
(Introduction, conclusions and 3 chapters chosen by the student)

and one of these books:

Nuvolati, G., *L'interpretazione della città. Flânerie come esperienza di vita*, Firenze University Press, Firenze (2013)

Nuvolati, G., *Un caffè tra amici. Un whiskey con lo sconosciuto*, Moretti e Vitali, Bergamo (2016)

Nuvolati, G., *Interstizi della città. Rifugi del vivere quotidiano*, Moretti e Vitali, Bergamo (2019)

*INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. A reading list in English will be provided upon request. An English exam will be allowed as well.

Sustainable Development Goals

SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
