

**Inequality, Social Justice & the City**  
**Anthropology 4760**  
**Spring 2024**

**Time:** Monday/Wednesday 3:30-4:50

**Place:** Art 219

**Instructor:** Dr. Andrew Nelson

**Office:** Sycamore Hall 104C

**Office Hours:** Fridays 10-12 in office or Zoom, or by appointment, [book an appointment](#)

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**Instructor Communication:** Students can expect to hear back from the instructor within 24 hours of the initial email (48 hours on the weekend).

**Course Description:**

With the goal of asking how we might make fairer cities, this class seeks to understand historically and ethnographically how political, social, and economic structures have shaped urban society and how people-centered movements might regain “rights to the city”. We will focus on local examples of urban social justice causes in Denton and Dallas.

**Course Objectives:**

1. Students will apply urban concepts to their everyday life through creative assignments.
2. Students will analyze structures of inequality throughout the history of cities by engaging in debates, planning exercises, role-plays, and media applications.
3. Students will identify urban theories in contemporary examples.
4. Students will draw from local examples to see and experience processes of urban change.

**Required Texts:** None

All other materials can be found on Canvas under Readings. Articles will be identified by the author’s name and year of publication.

**Undergraduate Course Requirements:**

**I. Readings & Lectures**

Students are expected to complete all readings before class.

**II. Attendance & Participation**

Students are expected to attend and participate in class. Attendance and participation will contribute to 20% of your final grade.

### III. Packback Discussions

On most Sunday evenings, students will be expected to contribute an initial question/post and two responses based on the previous week's course material.

### IV. Taking it to the streets (and courthouse)

Students are expected to attend three external-to-class experiences:

- February 14: Denton Quakertown/Southeast Trip (during class hours, 3:30-5)
- February 14-March 21: **ONE** required visit to eviction court (Thursdays 8:30am) **OR** the Denton Planning and Zoning Commission meeting (Wednesdays 6:30pm)
- April 27: Dallas trip

In exchange for these additional classes, class will be cancelled on February 26, March 27 and April 8. If you are unable to attend any of these experiences, it is your responsibility to contact Dr. Nelson and develop an alternative assignment. Each experience will account for the equivalent of three class periods attendance grade.

### V. Assignments

There will be three assignments at the end of each unit. Assignments will consist of short essay and/or creative exploration of their observations. Each assignment will be scored out of 100 points. Altogether the three assignments will contribute to 30% of your final grade, or 10% for each one.

### VI. Final Project

Based on our class trip to Dallas, students will develop and submit final projects by the Monday of finals week, May 6<sup>th</sup>. It will be scored out of 100 points and account for 30% of your final grade.

### Grade

Type of Work	Percentage of Final Grade
Attendance & Participation	20%
Packback Questions/Posts/Responses	20%
3 Assignments	30%
Final Project	30%

All grades will be assigned based on the following grading scale:

<b>90-100%</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>80-89%</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>70-79%</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>60-69%</b>	<b>D</b>

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### **Late Coursework**

Late coursework will not be accepted over email. Requests for extensions must be made before the due date. Late work will only be accepted for credit if accompanied by a note from a medical professional attesting to your inability to complete it. No other exceptions will be considered.

### **University Policies**

#### **Technology Support**

Part of working in the online environment involves dealing with the inconveniences and frustration that can arise when technology breaks down or does not perform as expected. Here at UNT we have a [Student Help Desk \(Links to an external site.\)](#) that you can contact for help with Canvas or other technology issues:

**Phone:** 940-565-2324

**Email:** [helpdesk@unt.edu](mailto:helpdesk@unt.edu)

Current list of [Student Help Desk hours \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

For additional support, visit this [Canvas Technical Help \(Links to an external site.\)](#) web page.

Academic Support Services

- The [UNT Academic Resource Center \(Links to an external site.\)](#), which provides links to the bookstore, registration and advising information, tuition information, financial aid, and more.
- The [UNT Academic Success Center \(Links to an external site.\)](#), which offers academic support services and free individual tutoring.
- [UNT Writing Lab \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

### **Community Support**

#### **Eagle Dreamers**

<https://www.unt.edu/daca>

Questions: [dacainfo@northtexasdreamteam.org](mailto:dacainfo@northtexasdreamteam.org)

Workshops: [immi.gr/dacaupdates](https://immi.gr/dacaupdates)

Opening Doors International Services: <https://www.odisinc.org/>

United We Dream: <https://unitedwedream.org/actions/upcoming-first-time-daca-renewal-preparation-sessions/?source=adsgoogle>

#### **First Generation Success Center**

<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/first-generation-success-center>

#### **UNT Student Legal Services**

<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services>

## Black Lives Matter

<https://ied.unt.edu/UNTBLM>

## Pride Alliance

<https://ied.unt.edu/pridealliance>

## Food Pantry presented by Kroger

<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/food-pantry>

## Supply Pantry

<https://learningcenter.unt.edu/school-supply-pantry>

## Voting

[votedenton.com](https://votedenton.com)

## COVID

### Vaccination Information

[Student Health and Wellness Center Walk-In Vaccination Information](#)

Vaccine Incentive Program (until Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>): <https://healthalerts.unt.edu/vaccine>

### COVID Reporting & Alerts

To report a positive test/exposure or if you have questions: [COVID@unt.edu](mailto:COVID@unt.edu)

Updates: <https://healthalerts.unt.edu/>

COVID Dashboard: <https://healthalerts.unt.edu/return/cases>

### Testing Information

UNT Mandatory Testing Facts: <https://healthalerts.unt.edu/mandatory-testing>

Testing Information for Students: <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center/services/laboratory/covid-testing>

Free COVID Testing by Curative in the Union: <https://curative.com/sites/24128>

## Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences

According to UNT Policy 06.003, [Student Academic Integrity \(Links to an external site.\)](#), academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to: cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University.

## Acceptable Student Behavior

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the [Code of Student Conduct \(Links to an external site.\)](#). The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

The [Dean of Students Office \(Links to an external site.\)](#) enforces the [Code of Student Conduct \(Links to an external site.\)](#). The Code explains what conduct is prohibited, the process the DOS uses to review reports of alleged misconduct by students, and the sanctions that can be assigned. When students may have violated the Code they meet with a representative from the Dean of Students Office to discuss the alleged misconduct in an educational process.

### **ADA Accommodation**

UNT makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide a student with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding one's specific course needs. Students may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the [ODA website \(Links to an external site.\)](#). You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

### **Sexual Assault Prevention**

UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct. Federal laws and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex as well as sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at [SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu](mailto:SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu) or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565-2648. Visit [Title IX Student Information \(Links to an external site.\)](#) for more resources.

### **Emergency Notification & Procedures**

UNT uses a system called [Eagle Alert \(Links to an external site.\)](#) to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please refer to Blackboard for contingency plans for covering course materials.

### **Withdrawal**

If you are unable to complete this course you must officially withdraw by the University-designated date (for a "W" with instructor approval). Withdrawing from a course is a formal procedure that YOU must initiate. I cannot do it for you. If you simply stop attending and do not withdraw, you will receive a performance grade, usually an "F."

