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## **AMH 3460: U. S. URBAN HISTORY**

Texts (available at Gator Textbooks Inc., 3501 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite D):

Howard Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society* (8<sup>th</sup> ed.)

Tyler Anbinder, *Five Points*

Jacob Riis, *How the Other Half Lives* (Dover edition)

Jo Ann Argersinger, *The Triangle Fire*

Kevin Boyle, *Arc of Justice*

Eric Klinenberg, *Heat Wave*

### Course Requirements:

This course will explore the growth and development of the American city. A midterm examination, a research paper, and a final examination will be required. The midterm examination, which will be on February 20, will be worth 20 percent of your grade, and the paper, which will be due on April 3 (at the beginning of class), will be four pages in length and will be worth 20 percent of your grade. An additional 20 percent of the course grade will be based on attendance, which is mandatory, and class participation. A cumulative final examination will be given on April 29 (at 3:00 p.m.) in 111 Keene-Flint Hall and will be worth 40 percent of your grade. Students cannot pass this course unless they complete both examinations and submit the required paper, and there will be no make-up examinations, except in cases of medical emergencies. This course will employ UF's grading scale (A=4.0; A-=3.67; B+=3.33; B=3.0; B-=2.67; C+=2.33; C=2.0; C-=1.67; D+=1.33; D=1.0; D-=0.67; E=0.0). Anyone requiring special classroom accommodations must register with the Dean of Students Office and discuss his or her particular needs with me during the first three weeks of the semester. Finally, students must conform to the university's honesty policy regarding cheating and the use of copyrighted materials (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/honorcode.php>).

### Lectures and Reading Assignments:

1. Jan. 7-9                      Cities in the Age of Discovery  
   No Reading Assignment
2. Jan. 12-16                    Urban Society in Colonial America  
   Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 1
3. Jan. 21, 23                    The City and the American Revolution  
   Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 2
4. Jan. 26-30                    The Industrial Revolution and Urban Society  
   Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban*

- Society*, chapter 3; Anbinder, *Five Points*, chapters 1-4
5. Feb. 2-6 Plebeian Culture in the City  
Reading Assignment: Anbinder, *Five Points*, chapters 5-9
6. Feb. 9-13 Irish Immigrants and the Antebellum City  
Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 4; Anbinder, *Five Points*, chapters 10-13
7. Feb. 16-18 Boss Tweed and Urban Politics  
Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 6
- Feb. 20 Midterm Examination
8. Feb. 23-27 Death in the Industrial City  
Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 5; Riis, *How the Other Half Lives*
9. Mar. 2-6 Spring Break (no classes)  
No Reading Assignment
10. Mar. 9-13 Poverty and Reform in the Early Twentieth-Century City  
Reading Assignment: Argersinger, *The Triangle Fire*
11. Mar. 16-20 The Birth of the African-American Ghetto  
Reading Assignment: Boyle, *Arc of Justice*
12. Mar. 23-27 The City in the Age of the Automobile  
Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 7
13. Mar. 30-Apr. 3 Race and Public Policy in the Mid-Twentieth-Century City  
Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 8
14. Apr. 6-10 Crime, Poverty, and the Death of the Industrial City  
Reading Assignment: Klinenberg, *Heat Wave*
15. Apr. 13-17 The Rebirth of the American City  
Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapters 9-10
16. Apr. 20-22 Historical Perspectives on the Future of Urban America  
No Reading Assignment