

**Urban Studies (UBST) 461  
University of Calgary  
The Transit City  
Fall 2017**

Section	Days	Time	Location
LEC 01	Th	18:00 – 20:50	ST 127

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**Office Hours:** before or after class / by appt.

**Please note: The appropriate emergency evacuation assembly point for all classes taught in Science Theatres is Professional Faculties Food Court.**

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- **Prerequisite:** One of Geography 341, 351, or 451
- **Antirequisite(s):** Credit for Urban Studies 461 and 505.03 will not be allowed
- **Supplementary Fees:** *Students must possess a Calgary Transit pass or fare for field trips*

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Developing a Transit City is increasingly important to cities in North America, and forms more of the conversation by politicians, professionals and the general public. This course explores land use, urban form and transit projects in Calgary, North America and overseas to understand how policies and practices are interconnected.

This course will require students examine topics through a sustainability lens to understand social, environmental and economic impacts associated with policy and design. The course will involve lectures, site tours and class discussions. Projects will require students to develop real-world case studies and critical assessments of local land use, urban form and transit examples. Class presentations and technical writing are also key elements of this course.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- Gain a clear understanding of the transportation-land use relationship, its benefits and the factors influencing it.
- Understand the basic features of public transportation and their application to shape urban form and function, including transit-supportive land use and transit-oriented development.
- Use knowledge gained throughout the course to explore a 'real world' case example of transit and land use integration.

**COURSE RESOURCES:**

There is no text requirement for the course. Course readings as applicable to each lecture will be posted on D2L one week prior to class.

It is expected that course readings will be done prior to lectures. The course reading list can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IA9NO-kCBQ41vZOpP5N5hTTKFB3YbBZGIfIX4ZdElk4>

**GRADES**

Registrar-scheduled Final Examination:

THERE IS NO MIDTERM TEST OR FINAL EXAM IN THIS COURSE

Policy for Late Assignments:

"Make-up" assignments will *not* be arranged for any student without *prior* notification for absence and appropriate documentation (e.g., doctor's note, etc.). If you suspect you might be unable to complete a project or assignment by the required timelines, please contact the instructors *in advance* to see whether alternate arrangements can be made.

**Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:**

This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). As one consequence, **students should identify themselves on all written work by using their ID number. Also you will be required to provide a piece of picture identification in order to pick up an assignment.** For more information see also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.

**Grading System:**

91-100	A+	73-76	B	60-62	C-
85-90	A	70-72	B-	57-59	D+
80-84	A-	67-69	C+	50-56	D
77-79	B+	63-66	C	0-49	F

**ASSIGNMENTS AND PROJECTS**

<b>Mini Assignments (25% of Final Grade – each assignment is 5%)</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Green Line	Sept 28
University District Selfie	Oct 19
CPTED Checklist	Oct 26
Good, Bad and Ugly	Nov 16
East Village	Nov 23

<b>Large Assignments (30% of Final Grade)</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Case study 15% of Final Grade	Oct 26
Site analysis presentations 15% of Final Grade	Nov 02

<b>Final Group Project (45% of Final Grade)</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Final Term Project 25% Written Submission 20% Group Presentation	Presentations: Dec 7 Final Report: Dec 14

**Assignment and project handouts will be provided in class and on D2L.**

It is not essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.  
It is the student's responsibility to keep a copy of each submitted assignment.

**Note: Hard copies of all assignments, presentations and reports must be handed in person or the submission will receive a grade of zero on the assigned due date. There will be no exceptions to this rule.**

**Schedule of Lectures and Site Visits:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Assignments</b>	<b>Additional Notes</b>
Sept 14	Course & Assignments Overview  Blocks & Lots Game	Jon, Des, Darshan	Handouts: Course Outline Mini Assignments (various due dates)	Identify final group project preferences during class
Sept 21	Transit Planning 101	Jon, Des, Darshan	Handouts: Large Assignments & Final Group Project (Various Due Dates)	
Sept 28	Green Line -	Darshan, Jon	Mini Assignment due: Green Line	Provide class with final group project teams.

Oct 5	Transit Supportive Land Uses	Des, Darshan		
Oct 12	University District Presentation  Case Study Poster Session	Des, Darshan	Mini Assignment due: University District Selfie  Large Assignment due: Case Studies	
Oct 19	Density & Scale Project Economics The "D" in TOD	Jon, Des, Darshan		
Oct 26	<b>Site Visit:</b> CPTED and station area design	Jon, Darshan	Mini Assignment due: CPTED Checklist	Meeting point to be announced in class and posted on D2L.
Nov 2	Presentations: Site Analysis	Jon, Des, Darshan	Large Assignment Due: Site Analysis	
Nov 09	Reading Days	No Class	READ THE READINGS!	
Nov 16	<b>Site Visit:</b> The Bridges	Des, Jon	Mini Assignment due: The Good, The Bad, the Ugly	Meeting point to be announced in class and posted on D2L.
Nov 23	<b>Site Visit:</b> East Village	Des, Darshan	Mini Assignment due: East Village	Meeting point will be announced in class and posted on D2L.
Nov 30	Complete Streets & Walkability	Jon, Darshan		
Dec 7	Final Group Project Presentations	Jon, Des, Darshan		
Dec 14	No class		Large Assignment due: Final Group Project	Written Project Submissions due between 5:30 – 6:00pm in ST 127

### Human subjects

Students are not expected to participate as subjects or researchers involving research on human subjects for this course.

### USRI

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses ([www.ucalgary.ca/usri](http://www.ucalgary.ca/usri)). Your responses make a difference - please participate in USRI Surveys.

### **Writing across the Curriculum**

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, members of faculty can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Support Services can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

### **Plagiarism:**

Academic dishonesty is not an acceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section in the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are 1) presenting another student's work as your own 2) presenting an author's work or ideas as your own without proper referencing and 3) using work completed for another course. This activity will not be tolerated in this course and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the calendar: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>. Please consult your instructor if you have any questions regarding how to document sources.

### **Internet and electronic communication device information:**

No restriction on the use of laptops and tablets in class if they are used to take notes or find information relevant to the class, and if there is *no disturbance or distraction of other students or the instructor*. Phones must be turned off during class time unless you are a health care or law enforcement professional with appropriate ID.

### **Principles of Conduct**

The University of Calgary Calendar includes a statement on the Principles of conduct expected of all members of the University community (including students, faculty, administrators, any category of staff, practicum supervisors and volunteers) whether on or off the University's property. This statement applies in all situations where the members of the University community are acting in their University capacities. All Members of the University Community have a responsibility to familiarize themselves with this statement which is available at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

### **Academic Accommodations:**

Students needing an accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities. The procedure can be found at: [ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy](http://ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy)

Students needing an accommodation based in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing to their instructor or the appropriate Associate Dean or Department Head.

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Students needing an Accommodation unrelated to their coursework or the requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the Vice-Provost (Student Experience).

### **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy**

*FOIP:* The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, e.g., outside instructor's office, the department office, etc. Term assignments will be returned to students individually, during class or during the instructor's office hours; if students are unable to pick up their assignments from the instructor, they provide the instructor with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be used for the return of the assignment.

### **Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments**

- All assignments will be handled through D2L or personally.
- Their own grades will be available to each student on D2L by password access. Grades will not be available at Geography's main office.

### **Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation**

- SU VP Academic Phone: 220-3911 and e-mail: [suvpaca@ucalgary.ca](mailto:suvpaca@ucalgary.ca)
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: [arts1@ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@ucalgary.ca)

The students ombudsman office information can be found at:

<http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/page/affordability-accessibility/su-structure/contact-info>

### **Campus Safewalk**

Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day, to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security officer will accompany you to your Campus destination.

### **Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources**

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Students Centre is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS 102, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at [ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca) you can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210 7625 or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contact for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

[arts1@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts4@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca)

