

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY  
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT

**ANTH 479.01 (GEOG 479.01)**  
**HOUSING AND SOCIETY**  
**WINTER 2014**  
TR 12:30-13:45  
ST126



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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Examines interactions between housing and social organization in cross-cultural context. Emphasizes the varied types of built form, their cultural meanings, implications for social life within households and for society more broadly, and their political and economic consequences. The class will operate on a seminar basis, although the first few weeks may take more of a lecture format until the class has covered enough content to facilitate useful discussions. The specific content of the course will be influenced by the interests of the class participants.

**REQUIRED READINGS**

The following required texts have been ordered at the Campus Bookstore:

Richard Harris *Creeping Conformity: How Canada Became Suburban, 1900-1960*.

University of Toronto Press.

Jan Rensel (Editor) *Home in the Islands: Housing and Social Change in the Pacific*.

University of Hawaii Press, 1998

A number of additional required readings will be assigned, at least five days in advance, and will be posted on Blackboard.

**ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATIONS**

Mid-term test (March 4)	30%
Final test (in class, April 10)	10%
Term paper proposal (due Feb. 25)	20%
Term paper (due April 8)	40%
Optional group presentation	15%, substituting for half of midterm if grade is higher

*Grading scheme:*

A+	100 - 94.9%
A	94.8 - 89.9%

A-	89.8 - 84.9%
B+	84.8 - 79.9%
B	79.8 - 74.9%
B-	74.8 - 70.9%
C+	70.8 - 66.9%
C	66.8 - 62.9%
C-	62.8 - 58.9%
D+	58.8 - 54.9%
D	54.8 - 49.9%
F	49.8% and below

Students will have the option of doing group presentations of approximately 30 minutes. Groups of no less than three and no more than five should indicate that they plan to do a presentation on a particular topic by no later than Feb. 13. Earlier is better, since if groups propose similar topics, the group who proposed it first will have control of the topic. Presentations will be graded, and if the grade is higher than the student's midterm grade, it will count for half of the midterm grade (i.e. 15% of the course grade). Guidelines will be provided at a later date.

Test re-writes will not be offered except for documented medical and family emergencies. Vacation plans, heavy workload, etc. will not be considered. Course appeals (grades, missed exams) have to be made in writing. While the instructor will attempt to respond to emails in a timely fashion, that is, within two working days, volume may mean that delays will extend beyond this period. In other words, don't send an email about the test an hour before and expect a response.

#### **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. You are required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation.

#### **PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING**

Plagiarism: "to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one's own" (Webster's). Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a failing grade for the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing July also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Anthropology Departments policy on intellectual honesty available at:  
<https://www.anth.ualgary.ca/home/links/intellectual-honesty-guidelines>

#### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION**

In the event that the classroom should need to be evacuated due to an emergency please note that

**the primary assembly point shall be the Professional Faculties Food Court and the secondary assembly point shall be the Education Block Food Court.**