

Academic Year: 2017/2018	
Course: URBAN GEOGRAPHY	
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Teaching Staff: Herculano Cachinho, Eduardo Ascensão, José Reis Correia	
ECTS: 6	Weekly Hours: 4h
Typology: Theoretical and Practical classes	
Contents	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concepts, perspectives and theory in urban geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Basic concepts: city, urbanization and urbanism ▪ Perspectives of analysis: from the study of the system of cities to the city as a system. ▪ Brief history of urban geography 2. The city and urbanization in space and time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The origin of cities and urban growth ▪ Problems of measurement and delimitation of the city and the urban ▪ The urbanization cycle ▪ Regional perspectives on urbanization and urban change 3. Urban structure and land use in the western city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Urban morphology: town plan, buildings and land use ▪ The spatial models of the inner city organization ▪ The major actors in the production of built environment ▪ The modern versus postmodern city: commonalities and idiosyncrasies 4. The dynamics of the social and functional organization of the city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Residential areas: segregation, fragmentation and gentrification ▪ Industrial areas: deindustrialization, cultural industries and urban reconstruction ▪ Retail landscapes: from the city center to the suburban leisure and entertainment complexes ▪ Urban regeneration, neoliberalization and the new forms of city governance 	
Objectives and skills	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to understand the key concepts and perspectives of urban geography - to interpret the urban landscape in its elements, relations, and changes, mobilizing geographical concepts - to identify the main tendencies of intra urban space organization and the theories and models used in its analysis and interpretation - to ask geographical questions and present answers supported in logic arguments and empirical evidence - to collect and analyse statistical, graphical, cartographical and textual information, and use it in the understanding of urban reality - to use adequate observation instruments in the urban form and functional analysis of the city - to create and develop small research projects about urban issues involving group work - to communicate findings using logic arguments and different ICT - to cooperate actively in teamwork in problem solving and decision making tasks. 	
References	
<p>Barata Salgueiro, T. (1992): A Cidade em Portugal. Uma Geografia Urbana. Porto. Afrontamento.</p> <p>Barata Salgueiro, T.; Ferrão, J. (coord.) (2005). Sociedade, paisagem e cidades, Geografia de Portugal, Vol. II, direcção de C. Alberto Medeiros, Lisboa, Circulo dos Leitores.</p> <p>Carter, H. (1997) The Study of Urban Geography. 4th edition. Londres, Arnold.</p> <p>Hall, T. & Barrett, H. (2012) Urban Geography, Londres, Routledge, 4th edition.</p> <p>Pacione, M. (2009) Urban Geography. <i>A Global Perspective</i>. Londres. Routledge. 3th edition</p>	
Knowledge evaluation methods and their partial grades	
Ordinary students (<i>continuous evaluation</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 written exams: 50% ▪ 2 group assignment: 50% 	Students of special schemes (<i>alternative evaluation</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 written exams: 60% ▪ 1 written essay with oral presentation: 40%
Note: to be approved in the discipline, the average of the theoretical component cannot be less than 8 points	