

GEOG 1003 ECONOMY, CULTURE AND SPACE

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What's the module about?

This unit provides an introduction to contemporary human geography, and is therefore not a comprehensive review of the field. Rather we treat it as a 'buffet', where a range of human geography topics and theories are covered, with a particular focus on the links between changes in the economy and culture, and the geographical organisation of cities and regions in the advanced economies.

The focus on cities is critical, since a majority of the planet now live in cities and that 99% of humanity's future growth - taking us to perhaps 9 billion people - will be in cities. And yet despite this demographic reality, we still take cities for granted. In this module, we clarify what cities are all about, using exciting case material around graffiti and murals, citizenship, inequality, marginal groups, creative cities, and memory. These cover cities such as Berlin, London, Los Angeles, Moscow and Sao Paulo. Some of the concepts will also be applied to the first-year fieldtrip in Southampton.

Employment value

Many students who take this module go on to work as town planners, city administrators, and other public and private sector jobs that concentrate on the management and development of cities.



The Student View

“Really interesting content in this module. I took it as an optional (my main degree is Sociology and Social Policy) and found it linked in really well to my other work. All lecturers were engaging and professional.”

“It was good that there were three separate topics taught by the three lecturers, but it is easily seen how they all relate to each other which is helpful when it comes to understanding the content and revising for exams. I also like the fact that the urban social geography text book covers a lot of the content as this was useful when looking up topics that I didn't understand before the next lecture etc.”