We want to understand how the city works, both as a totality as well as in its detail, including:

1) The nature of everyday urban life;
2) How localities relate to both internal and external forces (economic and political);
3) The way architecture, symbol system, and other aspects of local art play their particular roles;
4) How cities and regions interact with natural environments.

Requirements:
Two brief papers reporting on urban “laboratory work” and a final essay examination. There will also be an optional midterm.

Texts:
James Glanz and Eric Lipton, *City in the Sky: The Rise and Fall of the World Trade Center*. Times Books (paper).

Various e-journals via Bobst.

Course Packet (***indicates course packet material) Buy from: Advanced Copy, 552 La Guardia Place, between W. 3rd Street & Bleecker.

I. Ways to Understand the City as a System

The approach from Human Ecology:


A Political Economy Approach

An Ethnographic Approach
II. Who Runs Cities and How Do They Do It?


III. Case Study: The World Trade Center

Glanz and Lipton, *City in the Sky.*

Read:
Chap 1-5, 167-175 (skip 176-190)
Read: 190-217 (skip 217-315)
Read: 316-18.

IV. Neighborhood and Ways of Life

Duneier, “Sidewalk: Sleeping,” “When You gotta Go,”
Logan and Molotch, Chap. 4, “Homes”

V. Troubled Interaction


VI. Displacement and Gentrification

Duneier, Regulating the People Who Work the Streets,” “The Construction of Decency”.


Logan and Molotch, Chap 5, “How Government Matters”

Visit this website for inequality data: http://www.inequality.org/facts2.html
VII. Plaques, Monuments, and Public Memory

***David Lowenthal, “The Heritage Crusade and Its Contradictions” (course packet)
***Chris Wilson, “Place Over Time: Restoration and Revivalism in Santa Fe” (course packet)
Loewen, “Ten Questions…”
http://www.uvm.edu/~jloewen/liesacrossamerica/tenquestions.html

VIII. Ideology and Media


IX. The Design of Cities

“The NewUrbanism”
http://www.cnu.org/resources/index.cfm?formaction=report_results

X Shopping, Consumption, Creativity

Molotch, “Place in Product” International Journal of Urban and Regional Research Vol. 26, no. 4: 665-88 (Download)
XI. The City in Nature


XII. The Global System


XIII. Urban Security


Glanz and Lipton, “Epilogue”

Susan Sontag, writing in The New Yorker, September 24, 2001

http://groups.colgate.edu/aarislam/susan.htm