

GEO315 Learning Outcomes Map

Ultimate Goal

Apply an understanding of urban sustainability to critically reflect on the questions, “What will America look like in 2050?” and “Why?”

Mediating Goals

Analyze case studies of selected U.S. cities to determine the factors that influence their current and future land use policies and how those will impact sustainability.

Compare current land use practices in the U.S. to those in Europe and Asia.

Engage in debate around the historical, economic, environmental, political, and social factors that result in a sustainable city.

Examine the market-based impact on urban land use.

Synthesize the effects of social issues (segregation, income inequality, etc.) impacting urban systems.

Analyze demographics of baby boomers and younger generations to determine if the data indicates a shift in cultural attitudes toward urban systems. If yes, explain how and what this means for urban sustainability.

Foundational Goals

Explain the basic history of U.S. urban system from pre-colonial to present and how that shapes theory in this course.

Define world city and subsidiary city and why they are important.

Demonstrate how American cities evolved from centralization to decentralization.

State the impact of transportation on land use.

Identify technical and conceptual definitions of an urban geography.

Discuss the idea of scale.