

Geography 120: Urban Geography, A Global Perspective
Review sheet for 2nd exam, Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Key Concepts:

- I. Land use issues
 - a. Possible Land Uses (Housing, Transportation, Retail, Commercial, Industrial, Agriculture, Recreation/Preserved)
 - b. Land Use and Change (Ability to change: Street/Town Layout, Buildings, Land Use Itself)
 - c. Basic concepts of “ecological models” of the city
 - i. Competition, invasion, succession
 - d. Political-Economy Models of Land Use Change
 - i. Circuits of capital—primary, secondary, tertiary
 - e. Major actors in production of built environment
- II. Roots of Urban Planning—timing, trigger factors, broad perspective
 - a. Basic features of UK planning systems (e.g. national context, overarching goals)
 - b. Basic features of U.S. planning ‘system’ and planning paradigms (e.g. fragmented, few guidelines, market driven)
 - i. Evolution/stages of U.S. planning (know well enough for T/F or multiple choice questions, not essay)
 1. Greenbelt cities
 2. City Beautiful movement
 3. Comprehensive planning/General Plan
 4. Pluralism in planning
 5. Advocacy planning
 6. Regionalism
 7. Smart Growth
- III. Migration and Neighborhood change
 - a. Why people move and decision to move
 - b. Moving process and impacts on neighborhood character
 - c. Processes of neighborhood decline/housing abandonment
 - d. Processes of gentrification
- IV. Housing and Housing Policy
 - a. Multiple roles of housing in society
 - b. Different housing options
 - c. Why housing markets are different and why this is important.
 - i. Heterogeneous (both unit and neighborhood); Immobile; Durable; Expensive; Moving Costs High; Neighborhood effects.
 - d. Broad distinctions/differences between U.S. and UK housing patterns
 - e. Housing assistance in the U.S., Supply-side and demand-side
 - i. Know what tax expenditures are, and the impact of housing related tax expenditures on distribution of benefits from housing assistance

- V. Retail Patterns
 - a. Different types of retail districts and broad patterns of change
 - b. Forces affecting changes in retail patterns
 - c. Entertainment and retailing
 - d. Impact of information technology in retail
 - i. Think about impact of Wal-Mart—who gains, who loses and why?
What could be done about improving impact of Wal-Mart.
- VI. Transportation and Urban Form
 - a. States of transport (Walking/horse car, electric street car, recreational auto, freeway)
 - b. Traffic problems
 - i. Movement/congestion
 - ii. Crowding
 - iii. Off-peak inadequacy of public transport
 - iv. Difficulties for pedestrians
 - v. Environmental impacts
 - vi. Accidents
 - vii. Parking difficulties
 - c. Solutions
 - i. Public vs. private transport?
 - ii. Transport system management efficiency
 - iii. Non-transport solutions
 - 1. Work patterns
 - 2. Urban structure