

# GEOG 325. NEW MASTER-PLANNED CITIES.

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Credits: 3

Offered by: Geography (Faculty of Science)

Terms offered: Fall 2025

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## Description

This course examines the origins, designs, motivations and cultural politics of planned cities, focusing primarily on those currently under construction in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. A variety of themes will be explored including design responses to urban pollution and overcrowding, 'new' cities from earlier decades, totalitarianism and the city, utopianism, 'green' cities, and 'creative' cities. The course examines the various motivations underlying the design and construction of planned cities and how they are shaped by power, religion, and political ideologies. There will be a focus on evolving concepts used in city design as well as the continuities and cultural revivalism expressed through urban design and architecture. Students interested in urban and cultural geography, cities, architecture and planning in different cultural contexts will enjoy this course.

- Prerequisite(s): GEOG 217, or permission of the instructor.
- Restrictions: Open to U2 and above students.

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