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Through reading and research, this course examines major issues in urban politics, history, and sociology. This course is a seminar, intended for advanced undergraduates with a substantial background in the social sciences.

All books, or at least those for which we will be reading the bulk of the text, are available for purchase in the campus bookstore. They are also on reserve at the circulation desk of Rush Rhees Library; they are on two-hour reserve, but I can change that on request. (You might also consider online sources, including _____, for book purchases.) The required books are these—

William Cronon, *Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West* (New York: Norton, 1991).

Kenneth T. Jackson, *Crabgrass Frontier: The Suburbanization of the United States* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1985).

Thomas J. Sugrue, *The Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit*

. Students must conduct themselves in accordance with the University's Academic Honesty Policy. In this class, students may discuss readings and course material with anyone they choose—including the professor and other students. But, unless all assignments have been submitted, they may not share, receive, read, or discuss written work for this class, including outlines, plans, and notes for papers, except as specified in the next sentence. They may receive basic help with spelling and grammar from others, including from Writing Fellows, but never substantive help with their

Sept. 6 Introduction

Sept. 13 Cities in the Wilderness

Oct. 25 Neighborhoods

Nov. 22 Bosses and Reformers

William L. Riordon, *Plunkitt of Tammany Hall: A Series of Very Plain Talks on Very Practical Politics*, edited with an introduction by Terrence J. McDonald (Boston: Bedford Books, 1994), vii-ix, 1-134.

Samuel P. Hays, "The Politics of Reform in Municipal Government in the Progressive Era," *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* 55 (1964), 157-169.

Jessica Trounstein, "Dominant Regimes and the Demise of Urban Democracy," *Journal of Politics* 68 (2006), 879-93.

Gerald Gamm and Thad Kousser, "No Strength in Numbers: The Failure of Big-City Bills in American State Legislatures, 1880-2000," *American Political Science Review* 107 (2013), 663-78.

Nov. 29 Community Power

Robert A. Dahl, *Who Governs? Democracy and Power in an American City* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1961), 1-165, 223-28, 305-325.

Dec. 6 City and Suburb

J. Eric Oliver, *Democracy in Suburbia* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001).

Dec. 13 South by Southwest

Matthew D. Lassiter, "The Suburban Origins of 'Color-Blind' Conservatism: Middle-Class Consciousness in the Charlotte Busing Crisis," *Journal of Urban History* 30 (2004), 549-582.

Kevin M. Kruse, "The Politics of Race and Public Space: Desegregation, Privatization, and the Tax Revolt in Atlanta," *Journal of Urban History* 31 (2005), 610-633.

Matthew D. Lassiter and Kevin M. Kruse, "The Bulldozer Revolution: Suburbs and Southern History since World War II," *Journal of Southern History* 75 (2009), 691-706.

Amy Bridges, "Winning the West to Municipal Reform," *Urban Affairs Quarterly* 27 (1992), 494-518.

Andrew Needham and Allen Dieterich-Ward, "Beyond the Metropolis: Metropolitan Growth and Regional Transformation in Postwar America," *Journal of Urban History* 35 (2009), 943-69.