Objectives:
In 2014, not less than 54% of the world’s population lived in urban areas compared to 30% in 1950. By 2050, close to 66% or more of the world’s population will live in cities. This fast urbanization trend is mainly driven by the advantages and opportunities that cities provide to their inhabitants: more and better jobs, easier and cheaper access to health, education, sport and cultural services, better housing and transport. However, with fast urbanization, challenges are related to land availability and urban expansion, perturbations of the environment, climate change, energy demand, transport and mobility needs, natural hazards, health and aging, poverty, crime, and very often segregation and social unrest. These challenges grow increasingly and are interrelated in such a way that they constitute one of the major challenges to the near future of humanity.

In this interdisciplinary graduate level course, “city”, as a complex dynamical system, will be defined and its controlling parameters will be identified. Thereafter, climate change effects on cities, inhabitants and the adaptation of cities to the climate change will be our focus.

Topics:
- City, a complex system
- Evolution and morphology of cities
- What is climate?
- Causes and physical evidence
- Psychology of climate change
- Climatic model
- Microclimate
- Methodology of climatic analysis
- Climatic indicators
- Adaptive capacity
- Urban challenges of climate change
- What solutions?

Prerequisite:
This course is designed for graduate students (MEng, MESc, MSc, PhD) enrolled in civil, mechanical, or chemical engineering, physics, environmental science, geography and urbanism. It is expected that students will have basic understanding of physics and mathematics. Taking the CEE undergraduate course on “Cities: resilience and sustainability” is prerequisite for this course. Students without a suitable background should consult with the instructor prior to registering for the course.
Corequisites:
None.

Antirequisites:
None.
Note: It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that all Prerequisite conditions are met or that special permission to waive these requirements has been granted by the Faculty. It is also the student’s responsibility to ensure that he/she has not taken a course listed as an Antirequisite. The student may be dropped from the course or not given credit for the course towards his/her degree if he/she violates the Prerequisite, Corequisite or Antirequisite conditions.

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Hassan Peerhossaini, Professor.
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Email: hpeerhos@uwo.ca

Contact Hours:
3 lecture hours per week.

Course Materials:
There is no textbook for the course; various papers in the scientific, engineering ad social sciences will be used.

Units:
SI units will be used in lectures and examinations.

General Learning Objectives
E=Evaluate, T=Teach, I=Introduce

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Assignments and Project
There will be three assignments spaced throughout the course. They will span the length of the course, and will involve critical review of some technical papers, a report, and a class presentation.
Evaluation:
The final course mark will be determined as follows:

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Note:

(a) **Students must pass the final examination to pass this course.** Students who fail the final examination will be assigned the aggregate mark, as determined above, or 48%, whichever is less.

(b) **Students must turn in all individual assignments and projects to pass this course.** Students who do not satisfy this requirement will be assigned 48% or the aggregate mark, whichever is less.

(c) **Students who have failed this course previously must repeat all components of the course.** No special permissions will be granted enabling a student to retain laboratory, assignment or test marks from previous years. Previously completed assignments and laboratories cannot be resubmitted.

(d) Should any of the quizzes conflict with a religious holiday that a student wishes to observe, the student must inform the instructor of the conflict no later than two weeks before the scheduled test.

(For further information on Accommodations for Religious Holidays see https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_religious.pdf)

Use of English:

In accordance with Senate and Faculty Policy, students may be penalised up to 10% of the marks on all assignments, tests, and examinations for the improper use of English. Additionally, poorly written work with the exception of the final examination may be returned without grading. If resubmission of the work is permitted, it may be graded with marks deducted for poor English and/or late submission.

Scholastic Offences:

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_grad.pdf.

Plagiarism:

University policy states that plagiarism, defined as the “act or an instance of copying or stealing another’s words or ideas and attributing them as one’s own.” (excerpted from Black’s Law Dictionary, West Group, 1999, 7th ed., p. 1170) is a scholastic offence. In submitting any written work as part of the coursework
requirements for this course students must ensure that this work is written in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage of text from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism-detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (http://www.turnitin.com).

A student who is found guilty of plagiarism in respect of any written work submitted as part of the coursework requirements for this course will be given a grade of zero for the submitted work. Repeated acts of plagiarism, either in this course or any other course subsequent to a first offence, will result in the student being given a failing grade for the course in which the subsequent offence occurs, and may also incur further penalties such as requiring the student to withdraw from the program in which they are enrolled in.

**Attendance:**

Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class, laboratory, or tutorial periods will be reported to the Dean (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean, the student will be debarred from taking the regular final examination in the course.

**Accessibility:**

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if any other arrangements can make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

**Conduct:**

Students are expected to arrive at lectures on time, and to conduct themselves during class in a professional and respectful manner that is not disruptive to others. Late comers may be asked to wait outside the classroom until being invited in by the Instructor. Please turn off your cell phone before coming to a class, tutorial, quiz or exam.

On the premises of the University or at a University-sponsored program, students must abide by the Student Code of Conduct: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/board/code.pdf.

**Sickness and Other Problems:**

Students should immediately consult with the Instructor or Department Chair if they have any problems that could affect their performance in the course. Where appropriate, the problems should be documented (see attached). The student should seek advice from the Instructor or Department Chair regarding how best to deal with the problem. Failure to notify the Instructor or Department Chair immediately (or as soon as possible thereafter) will have a negative effect on any appeal.
For more information concerning medical accommodations, please see: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

**Notice:**

Students are responsible for regularly checking their email, and the course OWL site for new notices related to the course.