

Urban Challenges in Film

Study programme	YUFE Joint Bachelor in Urban Sustainability Studies
Academic year	2026/2027
Curriculum component	First year
Year and semester	1st year, semester 1
Course type	Elective
ECTS credits	3
Contact hours (L+S+E)	10 + 0 + 20
Language of instruction	English

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Prerequisites

No requirements.

Course objectives

The course objectives are to enable students to gain an understanding of urban inequality through the perspective of the film industry. Namely, during the course, students will have to watch several feature-length and short films that deal with issues of urban inequality (right to work, discrimination on various grounds, the right to a healthy living environment, etc.). After watching the films, students will need to analyze them through the perspective of certain, pre-determined elements of urban inequality (a type of reflective diary), analyze them through their micro-level from which they come (their place of life and work, as well as through the perspective of the place of study – Rijeka). It is planned that students watch up to 5 films.

Learning outcomes

- Understand the complexity of an urban environment.
- Recognize the challenges the urban environment face in modern times.

Course content

- Introduction to the Course.
- Film on: discrimination, the right to a healthy environment, the right to work, the future of cities.

Teaching and learning methods

lectures and practical classes.

Assessment and grading

Mid-term 1: 25%-50%; Mid-term 2: 25%-50% = 50%-100% in Total. During the semester, there will be 2 mid term exams (with a retake) in a form of a research essay about the films presented during class. In total those two; mid-term exams will result in a final exam. Student has met course requirements if she/he has acquired at least 50% of each assessed learning outcome; within all assessment forms.

Grading scale

Grade	Percentage
5 (A)	90-100%
4 (B)	75-89.9%
3 (C)	60-74.9%
2 (D)	50-59.9%
1 (F)	0-49.9%