Course Description
This course provides comparative historical and contemporary analyses of the peoples in each metropolis and the urban, social, and cultural environments they have constructed, reconstructed, and maintained. From indigenous societies to French and Spanish settlements to “Americanization,” we will discover that these very different present-day industrial and post-industrial metropoles nevertheless share some striking similarities in historical perspective. In the process we will examine distinctive patterns of urban development; analyze political trends and social justice activism; follow migration and immigration patterns, noting varying forms of community building in each respective locale; and recognize the shared “American” experience of each city’s complex historical and contemporary diversity.

Syllabus forthcoming.

Required Readings (available for purchase at the UWM bookstore)
Also available for two-hour checkout at Golda Meir Library, Course Reserves
Additional Course Readings on the Course D2L