

FW22 AP/HIST 1095 6.0A Streetlife: The Culture and History of European Cities

Additional Contact Details: [sjbrooke@yorku.ca](mailto:sjbrooke@yorku.ca)

Expanded Course Description (expanded from course calendar description):

This course explores the experience of living in a modern city through the histories of European cities such as London, Paris and Berlin since the mid-19th century. It considers the development of urban popular culture (seen in popular music such as jazz, sites of entertainment such as palaces, bars and nightclubs, and the emergence of cinema and radio), the impact of revolution and war upon cities, the changing meaning and experience of sexuality in the city, and the experience and understanding of urban crime. The rapid development of cities in the 19th century, the impact of the First and Second World Wars, the growth of the cosmopolitan and multiracial city, and the influence of youth culture after 1945 are topics in this course. The course also examines concepts such as gentrification, modernity, and identity in an urban context. It uses fiction, non-fiction, visual sources such as photography and film and other cultural sources, such as music to approach our understanding of the modern city.

Required Course Text/Readings:

**\*TENTATIVE\***

Sarah Maza, *Violette Noziere: A Story of Murder in 1930s Paris*

Most other readings will be made available without charge through the course e-class site.

Weighting of Course:

**\*TENTATIVE Grade Breakdown\***

First Term Tutorial Participation:	5%
First Term Short Essay (5 pages):	15%
First Term Short Essay (5 pages):	15%
First Term Online Quiz:	5%
First Term Online Quiz:	5%
Second Term Tutorial Participation:	5%
Second Term Short Essay (5 pages):	15%
Second Term Longer Essay (10 pages):	25%
Second Term Online Quiz:	5%
Second Term Online Quiz:	5%

No mid-term or final exam.

Organization of the Course:

Weekly in-person lectures (2 hours, once a week)

Weekly in-person tutorials (1 hour, once a week)

Course Learning Objectives:

Students taking this course will have a greater understanding of the contemporary city, will learn important concepts that help us understand living in cities, and will have a greater understanding of the historical development of the modern city since the 19th century.