INTRODUCTION TO URBAN & ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
UP 423 / ARCH 423 / NRE 370 / ENVIRON 370
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Discussion Sections:

01 LECTURE: Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 – 12:00 p.m., 2004 Natural Sciences
02 Friday 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.
03 Friday 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.
04 Thursday 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
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Students must sign up for and participate in a discussion section.

This course provides a general overview of the field of urban and environmental planning for students who have little background in the area. Presenting different speakers for many of the topics covered, the course introduces students to a wide variety of planning issues and to planning-oriented faculty and professionals.

The requirements for the course are as follows:

- An initial short field assignment (worth 5 percent of the final grade)
- Two 3 to 4-page memos integrating the lecture and the reading materials (each worth 15 percent of the final grade)
- Midterm (First Half) Examination (worth 20 percent of the final grade)
- Final Examination (worth 30 percent of the final grade)
- Attendance, participation, and contribution at lectures and discussions (combined worth 15 percent of the final grade)
- Extra credit assignment (see last page of syllabus)

Required Readings: (available at Ulrich’s Book Store or online)


Course Pack
**Course Schedule at a Glance**

**Week 1: Introduction and Context**
- 2 Sept. (T): Introduction & Course Overview
- 4 Sept. (Th): Planning for Sustainable Development (*EXERCISE 1 ASSIGNED*)

**Week 3: Overview of Planning / Urban Sprawl**
- 9 Sept. (T): Overview of Planning / Planning in Ann Arbor (*EXERCISE 1 DUE*)
- 11 Sept. (Th): Urban Sprawl and Smart Growth

**Week 2: Legal Aspects of Planning**
- 16 Sept. (T): Legal Setting: Civics Review, Institutional Structures
- 18 Sept. (Th): Land Use Regulatory Control: Issue, Policies, Rights (*PAPER 1 ASSIGNED*)

**Week 4: Transformations in Planning**
- 23 Sept. (T): The History of Planning
- 25 Sept. (Th): Urban Design

**Week 5: Neighborhoods, Housing, and Community Development**
- 31 Sept. (T): Housing
- 2 Oct. (Th): Homelessness (*PAPER 1 DUE*)

**Week 6: Community Planning**
- 7 Oct. (T): Neighborhood Planning and Community Development (*Holding Ground*)
- 9 Oct. (Th): MIDTERM (NO Thursday/Friday Discussion Sessions)

**Week 7: Break and Review**
- 14 Oct. (T): FALL BREAK
- 16 Oct (Th): Midterm Recap / Review Midterm

**Week 8: Economic Development and Transportation**
- 21 Oct. (T): Transportation Planning
- 23 Oct (Th): Planning for Economic Development

**Week 9: Waste Management and Infrastructure**
- 30 Oct. (Th): Infrastructure Planning

**Week 10: Environmental Planning**
- 4 Nov. (T): Environmental Planning Overview
- 6 Nov. (Th): Environmental Planning: Brownfield Redevelopment

**Week 11: Environmental Planning (Continued)**
- 11 Nov. (T): Environmental Planning: Urban Watersheds Case Study (*PAPER 2 ASSIGNED*)
- 13 Nov. (Th): Environmental Planning: Urban Greening

**Week 12: Historic Preservation and Open Space**
- 18 Nov. (T): Planning for Historic Preservation
- 20 Nov. (Th): Planning for Open Space & Farmland Preservation (*Fat of the Land*)

**Week 13: Growth Management**
- 25 Nov. (T): Growth Management / Regional Planning (*PAPER 2 DUE*)

**Week 14: Planning in the Bigger Picture**
- 2 Dec. (T): National Planning / Planning in Other Nations
- 4 Dec. (Th): Planning, Politics, and Mobilization

**Week 15: Wrap Up**
- 9 Dec. (T): Course Wrap Up / Review (NO Th Class or Th/F Discussion Sessions)

**FINAL EXAM**: Friday, December 19, 10:30 – 12:00
Course Schedule and Readings

Week 1: Introduction and Context

2 Sept. (T): Introduction & Course Overview
Professor Norton
Readings: Levy Chapters 1 and 2

4 Sept. (Th): Planning for Sustainable Development
Professor Norton
Readings: Roseland pp. Chapters 1 and 2
EXERCISE 1 ASSIGNED

Week 2: Overview of Planning / Urban Sprawl

9 Sept. (T): Overview of Planning / Planning in Ann Arbor
Ms. Wendy Rampson, City Planner, City of Ann Arbor
Readings: Levy Chapters 8 and 9
EXERCISE 1 DUE

11 Sept. (Th): Urban Sprawl and Smart Growth
Mr. Jeffrey Kahan, City Planning, City of Ann Arbor
Readings: Roseland Chapter 10

Week 3: Legal Aspects of Planning

16 Sept. (T): Legal Setting: Civics Review, Institutional Structures
Professor Norton
Readings: Levy Chapters 5 and 6

18 Sept. (Th): Land Use Regulatory Control: Issue, Policies, Rights
Professor Norton
Readings: Skim selected Michigan laws (available on coursetools)
PAPER 1 ASSIGNED

Week 4: Transformations in Planning

23 Sept. (T): The History of Planning
Professor Norton
Readings: Levy Chapters 3 and 4

25 Sept. (Th): Urban Design
Professor Aseem Inam, Urban & Regional Planning Program
Readings: Levy Chapter 10

Week 5: Neighborhoods, Housing, and Community Development

30 Sept. (T): Housing
Professor Emeritus Kate Warner, Urban & Regional Planning Program
Readings: Levy Chapter 11
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2 Oct. (Th): Homelessness
Ms. Sue Eikel-Johnson, Shelter Association of Washtenaw Co.
Readings: Levy Chapter 7

PAPER 1 DUE

Week 6: Community Planning

7 Oct. (T): Neighborhood Planning and Community Development (Holding Ground)

9 Oct. (Th): MIDTERM
NO Thursday/Friday Discussion Sessions

Week 7: BREAK and Review
14 Oct. (T): FALL BREAK
16 Oct. (Th): Midterm Recap / Review Midterm

Week 8: Economic Development and Transportation

21 Oct. (T): Transportation Planning
Professor Joe Grengs, Urban & Regional Planning Program
Readings: Levy Chapter 12, Roseland Chapter 9

23 Oct. (Th): Planning for Economic Development
Professor Elsie Harper-Anderson, Urban & Regional Planning Program
Readings: Levy Chapter 13

Week 9: Waste Management and Infrastructure

Mr. Brian Weinart, Director, Materials Recovery Programs, City of Ann Arbor
Readings: Roseland Chapters 5 and 6

30 Oct. (Th): Waste Management Conflicts: Incinerators and Landfills
Ms. Mary Beth Doyle, Executive Director, Ecology Center of Ann Arbor
Readings: materials to be provided

Week 10: Environmental Planning

4 Nov. (T): Environmental Planning Overview
Professor Norton
Readings: Levy Chapter 15, Grant et al.

6 Nov. (Th): Environmental Planning: Brownfield Redevelopment
Mr. Matthew Naud, Environmental Coordinator, City of Ann Arbor
Readings: materials to be provided
Week 11: Environmental Planning (Continued)

11 Nov. (T): Environmental Planning: Urban Watersheds Case Study
Ms. Janis Bobrin, Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner
Readings: Arnold and Gibbons
PAPER 2 ASSIGNED

13 Nov. (T): Environmental Planning: Urban Greening
Speaker to be announced
Readings: Arendt Chapter 16

Week 12: Historic Preservation and Open Space

18 Nov. (T): Planning for Historic Preservation
Ms. Heather Edwards, Ann Arbor Historic Preservation Coordinator
Readings: Tyler Chapters 1 and 2

20 Nov. (Th): Planning for Open Space & Farmland Preservation (Fat of the Land)
Readings: SEMCOG materials

Week 13: Growth Management

25 Nov. (T): Growth Management / Regional Planning
Speaker to be announced
Readings: Levy Chapters 14 and 16
PAPER 2 DUE

Week 14: Planning in the Bigger Picture

2 Dec. (T): National Planning / Planning in Other Nations
Professor Gavin Shatkin, Urban & Regional Planning Program
Readings: Levy Chapters 17 and 18

4 Dec. (Th): Planning, Politics, and Mobilization
Professor Norton
Readings: Levy Chapter 19, Review Levy Chapter 6

Week 15: Wrap Up

10 Dec. (T): Course Wrap Up / Review

FINAL EXAM: Friday, December 19, 10:30 – 12:00
EXTRA-CREDIT EXERCISE

Public Agency Meeting Summary

At any time during the semester (before December 9, the last day of class), you are encouraged to attend some type of a planning-related public hearing for the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, or any of the townships surrounding Ann Arbor. You can follow links from the web sites for Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County, listed below, to find meeting schedules and locations.

If you attend a meeting and prepare a satisfactory summary report, you may be able to raise your final grade one-half step (e.g., from a B to B+, B+ to A-, etc.). Summaries should be well written, typed, and copy-edited, and should present the topics that were addressed at the meeting. Most importantly, you should describe what you learned from the meeting and discuss how, if at all, the issues addressed related to any of the topics covered in class. Summaries should be 1 to 2 pages (no longer than 2 pages) single-spaced with at least 11-point font and 1-inch margins.

Written summaries must be turned into your GSI on or before the last day of class to receive credit.

Web Sites:
  City of Ann Arbor:  http://www.ci.ann-arbor.mi.us/
  Washtenaw County:  http://www.co.washtenaw.mi.us/