

Regional Planning

Geography 421

Spring 2004

TR 11:00 – 12:15, Gunter Hall 101

Objectives: This course surveys contemporary methods of economic and social development planning, community leadership, and analysis techniques. Emphasis is on regional planning and the development of project and economic development proposals.

Catalog Description: GEOG 421 Regional Planning. Contemporary topics in regional planning and development. Groups and individual projects and research. Prerequisite: GEOG 325 or permission of instructor.

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Text: Edward J Blakely and Ted K Bradshaw, Planning Local Economic Development, 3rd edition.

Evaluation: The course components:

100 points	Mid term exam (Mar 18)
100 points	Final Exam (May 13, 8:00am)
100 points	Independent Project (May 11)
10 points	Field Trip (Apr 15)
20 points	Cost-Benefit example
10 points	Project presentation
20 points	Social Planning example
Total Points: 450	

Course grades will be awarded as follows: A requires 90% (405 points), B requires 80% (385 points), C requires 67% (300 points), D requires 58% (260 points). The FX is assigned if the independent project, mid term exam, or final exam is not completed. Both the **midterm and the final exam** will be totally essay questions, but the student will have some ability to select questions to answer. Exams will reflect class presentations and discussions as well as assigned reading. The **independent project** is a research paper which will take the form of a "Prospectus for Economic Development." Each student will prepare a proposal for government assistance in a development project by a private firm. Final written paper is due May 11. An oral presentation is required as well. The **field trip** will be day trip to Baltimore to observe the impact of several economic development projects. The field trip is scheduled for Thursday, April 15. There will be two out of class **homework assignments**. One will deal the application of cost-benefit analysis, and the second will relate to issues in social service planning.

Policies: Students are expected to attend each class. A student with four or more unexcused absences will suffer the loss of a letter grade for the course. Academic honesty is expected in all matters relating to this course. Please consult the Pathfinder.

Academic dishonesty will lead to course failure. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated in class. Please consult the Pathfinder. Cell phones and pagers must be turned off or set to silent during class to avoid disrupting class.

Class schedule:

Date	Topic	Reading
Part I: Concepts for Regional Planning		
Jan 27	Regional Planning	Reserve 1
Jan 29	Development of Regional Planning in the US	
Feb 3, 5	Issues in Economic Development	Chp 1
Feb 10, 12	Federal Policy and Local Issues	Chp 2
Feb 17, 19	New Concepts of Economic Development	Chp 3
Feb 24, 26, Mar 2	Planning Methods and Analysis	Chp 4 & 5
Mar 4, 9	Assessing Planning Impacts	Chp 11
Mar 11, 16	Development Structures	Chp 12
Mar 18	Mid-term Exam	
Part II: Regional Planning Techniques		
Mar 29	Selecting a Development Plan	Chp 6
Apr 1, 6	Locality Development	Chp 7
Apr 8, 13	Business Development	Chp 8
Apr 15	Field Trip	
Apr 20, 22	Human Resource Development	Chp 9
Apr 27, 29	Community Development	Chp 10
May 4	High-Technology and Development	Chp 13
May 6	Summary/Careers in Regional Planning	Chp 14
May 11	Presentations	
May 13	Final Exam at 8:00 am	