

**Geography 450/550
Urban Planning
Spring 2003**

Objectives:

This course serves to introduce students to the principles of modern urban planning. The focus is on the process of planning, types of planning, and the development of the planning profession. Substantial discussion is devoted to land use regulation and community development.

Course Description:

GEOG 450: Urban Planning

City Planning: needs assessment, land use suitability, policy and design. Participation in limited scope planning projects. Every third semester. Prerequisite: GEOG 324, or permission of instructor.

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Text:

Charles Hoch, Linda Dalton, and Frank So, The Practice of Local Government Planning, Third Edition, ICMA, 2000.

Evaluation:

Points: total 500 points

100 First Midterm (Mar. 5)

100 Second Midterm (Apr 14)

100 Final Exam (8:00am, Tuesday, May 20)

25 Field Trip (May 9)

100 Independent Project (due May 14)

25 Homework: School Enrollment Forecast

25 Homework: Comprehensive Plans

25 Homework: Subdivision Review

Final Grades:

A: 90% or more (450 pts)

B: 80%-89% (400 pts)

C: 67%-79% (335 pts)

D: 58%-66% (290 pts)

F: less than 58%

FX: if miss any exam/project

No NC or CS grades allowed

The three exams will be entirely short answer and problem solving. The Final Exam will not be a comprehensive exam. Test will include materials for readings, class discussion, and homework assignments.

Homework Assignments will be small hands on assignments to illustrate topics discussed in class.

The independent project will involve developing a site plan for development or reuse of a real site. Although necessarily brief, the plan should include statement of goals, literature review, alternatives considered, a recommendation with site plan and cost estimates. Specific guidelines are attached. Both oral (time permitting) and written versions of the project will be graded. There will also be several short homework projects. The independent project is due May 14, 2003.

There is a required field trip for GEOG 450 on May 9, 2003. This will be an all day trip. Our particular goal is to examine innovative planning efforts. Point to visit include: the Kentlands, Georgetown, Greenbelt, and Columbia. Written explanations will be provided for other instructors. Trip participants will earn 25 points.

Policies:

Students are expected to attend and participate in each class. A student with five or more absences (for any reason) will suffer loss of one letter grade. Academic honesty is expected in all matters related to this course. Academic dishonesty on exams or the project will lead to course failure. Please consult the [Pathfinder](#).

Class Schedule:

Part I: Development of American Planning

Jan	29	Introduction to Planning	Chap 1
Feb	3	Trends in American Planning	
Feb	5	The Planning Process	Chap 2
Feb	10	The Authority to Plan	
Feb	12	Information for Planning	Chap 3
Feb	17	Forecasting Methods	
Feb	19	Population Analysis	Chap 4
Feb	24	Environmental Issues	Chap 5
Feb	26	Economic Considerations	Chap 6
Mar	3	Equity and Impact Assessment	
Mar	5	First Midterm Exam	

Part II: Functional Planning

Mar	10	Comprehensive Planning	Chap 7
Mar	12	Maryland Planning Requirements	
Mar	17	Environmental Plans	Chap 8
Mar	19	Transportation Planning	Chap 9
Mar	31	Housing Planning	Chap 10
Apr	2	Community Development	Chap 11
Apr	7	Urban Design	Chap 13
Apr	9	Implementing Design Guidelines	
Apr	14	Second Midterm Exam	

Part III: Implementation of Plans

Apr	16	Codes and Land Use Regulation	Chap 14
Apr	21	Land Subdivision	
Apr	23	Zoning: Principles and Limits	
Apr	28	Residential Zoning	
Apr	30	Non-residential Zoning	
May	5	Growth Management	Chap 15
May	7	Financial Management	Chap 16
May	9	Field Trip	
May	12	Capital Improvement Plans	
May	14	Building Consensus	Chap 17

Third Exam: Final Exam time block: Tuesday, May 20, 8:00 am