

Issues in Contemporary Urban Planning
Urban Planning 140
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Objective: Urban planning studies the order and design of settlements from small towns to large cities. Urban planners are concerned with addressing the physical and social challenges that towns, villages, and cities face as they grow or decline. This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to the issues, concepts, and tools central to planning. The class will touch on a number of issues to provide students with a broad base of knowledge.

Format: Students will attend one discussion session and two lectures each week. Lectures take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 5:20 PM. Some weeks will include a guest lecturer.

Text: Contemporary Urban Planning, 8th Edition. John M. Levy.
Available at Third Coast Design Centre, 1st floor of SARUP.

Supplementary readings as assigned.

Grading: Students are expected to complete assigned readings in advance and come prepared to take part in discussion. Class participation during discussion sessions will be included in your evaluation.

Response papers	60%
Discussion	25%
Exam	15%

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INTRO & OVERVIEW

- 9/2 What is Urban Planning?
- 9/4 Planning Framework

Chapters 1 & 2
Best Laid Plans: Planning
Is Not Necessary

PLANNING HISTORY

- 9/9 The Birth of Modern City Planning
Response Paper 1 Assigned
- 9/11 Planning and the Pre- & Post-War Period

Chapters 3 & 4

LAND USE REGULATION

- 9/16 Legal Basis of Planning: Kirk Harris, UWM
- 9/18 Zoning and Politics

Chapters 5 & 6

SOCIAL ISSUES

- 9/23 Marcia Caton Campbell, Center for Resilient Cities
- 9/25 Social Planning

Chapter 7

COMPREHENSIVE PLANS & LAND USE PLANS

- 9/30 Smart Growth in Wisconsin: Bryan Law, UWM
Response Paper 1 Due
- 10/2 Comprehensive Plans and Land Use Tools
National Community Planning Month

Chapters 8 & 9

URBAN DESIGN

- 10/7 Urban Design and Architecture: Steve Kuhnen, Bray Architects
- 10/9 Basic Design Principles

Chapter 10

UWM MASTER PLAN

- 10/14 Campus Master Planning: Lora Strigens, HGA
- 10/16 Campuses and Communities: Ald. Nik Kovac, 3rd District

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 10/21 Urban Renewal
Response Paper 2 Assigned
- 10/23 Planning for Housing

Chapter 11

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Chapter 12

- 10/28 Transportation Planning: Ashley Booth, HNTB
- 10/30 Public Transit in Milwaukee: Dan Boehm, MCTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chapter 13

- 11/4 Economic Development Projects: Alyssa Elver, City of Milwaukee
ELECTION DAY
- 11/6 Economic Development Planning

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

Chapters 14 & 15

- 11/11 Sustainable Development
Response Paper 2 Due
- 11/13 Infrastructure and the Environment: Kevin Shafer, MMSD

REGIONAL PLANNING

Chapter 16

- 11/18 Planning for Metropolitan Regions
Response Paper 3 Assigned
- 11/20 Special Topics in Regional Planning: Ken Yunker, SEWRPC

- 11/25 No Class: Thanksgiving Week
- 11/27 No Class: Thanksgiving

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PLANNING

Chapters 17 & 18

- 12/2 Trends in National Planning
- 12/4 Comparisons: China, Egypt, Germany, and Peru

CLOSING THOUGHTS

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- 12/9 Class-wide Planning Debate
Response Paper 3 Due

- 12/11 **Exam**