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 variety of topics to provide students with a broad base of knowledge about the planning profession.

Format: Students will attend one discussion session and two lectures each week. Lectures take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 3:50 PM. Some weeks will include a guest lecturer.


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.

Writing Assignment 10% Discussion 30%
Midterm Exam 15% Final Exam 20%
Course Project 20% Lecture Activity 5%

Late Work Policy Students will be allowed a one lecture class grace period for assignments (with a lowered grade). Assignments submitted after this time will not be accepted.

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INTRO & PLANNING HISTORY

9/5  Planning Framework

9/10  The Birth of Modern City Planning  Chapter 3, Levy (p29-44)
       Writing Assignment Review
9/12  Planning and the Post-War Period  Chapter 4, Levy

LAND USE, COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING, & PUBLIC HEALTH

9/17  Legal Basis of Planning: Kirk Harris, UWM (Confirmed)  Chapter 5, Levy (p70-88)
9/19  Land Use and Zoning

9/24  The Process of Comprehensive Plans  Chapter 8, Levy (p123-126)
9/26  Planning and Public Health:
       David Nelson, Medical College of Wisconsin (Confirmed)
       Writing Assignment Due

COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

10/1  Brady Street BID Introduction  Chapter 11, Levy (p207-220)
       Course Project Assigned
10/3  Local Efforts in Neighborhood Revitalization

URBAN DESIGN

10/8  Basic Design Principles  Chapter 10, Levy (p172-195)
10/10  Urban Design: Carolyn Esswein, UWM (Confirmed)

midterm exam week

10/15  Midterm Review
10/17  Midterm Exam
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10/22 Layers and Process in Economic Development
10/24 Local Economic Development:
   Julia Taylor, Greater Milwaukee Committee (Confirmed)

Chapter 13, Levy

TRANSPORTATION & REGIONAL PLANNING

10/29 Planning for Metropolitan Regions
10/31 Kevin Shafer, MMSD (Confirmed)

Course Project Rough Drafts Due in Discussion This Week

11/5 Transportation Planning & Public Transit
11/7 Ashley Booth, HNTB (Confirmed)

Chapter 12, Levy (p234-245)

REGIONAL PLANNING & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

11/12 Course Project Case Studies
11/14 Sustainability and Planning

Chapter 14, Levy (p290-300)

INTERNATIONAL PLANNING

11/19 Planning in Other Nations

Chapter 18, Levy (p373-388); (p406-413)

11/21 International Case Studies
   Course Project Due

11/26 No Class: Holiday Week & Course Project Sessions
11/28 No Class: Holiday

EXAM PREPARATION AND WORKSHOP

12/3 Course Project Meetings
12/5 Course Project Workshop

12/10 Final Exam Review
12/12 Final Exam