

UST 418 Urban Planning
Fall 2006
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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course will introduce students to the history, practice and impact of urban planning in the United States, primarily in its cities and suburban areas. Greater Cleveland will be featured. The first part of the course will provide a general background to urban planning. The second part will look at particular areas of urban planning and major issues. The third part will look at case studies of urban planning success.

The course objectives are:

1. Introduce students to the field of urban planning;
2. Provide students with an understanding of major planning initiatives in Greater Cleveland;
3. Improve students' analytical and writing skills.

COURSE FORMAT, ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

The course will be a combination of lectures, presentations by guest speakers and teams of students, examinations, and a written assignment.

Each student is required to complete the following assignments:

1. Assigned readings;
2. A midterm examination (November 7);
3. A final examination (December 12);
4. Analytical writing assignment (Due December 5);
5. Class participation: team presentations on selected city (November 14 and 21)

Grading:

1. Midterm exam: 30 percent (of the final course grade)
2. Final exam: 40 percent
3. Written assignment: 20 percent
4. Reading and class participation: 10 percent.

A grade of “Incomplete” will be given only for extenuating circumstances. Students are expected to attend classes (and notify the instructor in advance if they are unable to attend), read all assignments, and participate in classroom discussions.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Any student anticipating needing special accommodations to take exams, complete assignments or participate in the class needs to inform the instructor after the first week of classes.

PLAGIARISM

Any student who knowingly plagiarizes in completing the written assignment will receive an appropriate reduction in the final course grade, which may include an “F”.

REQUIRED READINGS

Gene Bunnell, Making Places Special: Stories of Real Places Made Better by Planning (American Planning Association, 2002)

John M. Levy, Contemporary Urban Planning (Prentice-Hall, 2006, 7th edition)

Handouts on Bunnell’s case study cities and the planning for the rebuilding of New Orleans

RECOMMENDED READINGS

Journals

Planning (published monthly by the American Planning Association) and the Journal of the American Planning Association (published quarterly)

Planning History:

Eric Larson, The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness At the Fair that Changed America (Vintage, 2004)

Jon A. Peterson, The Birth of City Planning in the United States, 1840-1917 (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2003)

Planning and Politics:

Chester Hartman, Between Eminence and Notoriety: Four Decades of Radical Urban Planning (CUPR Press, Rutgers, 2002)

Norman Krumholz and John Forester, Making Equity Planning Work: Leadership In the Public Sector (Temple University Press, 1990)[Cleveland]

New Orleans

Douglas Brinkley, The Great Deluge (William Morrow, 2006)

WEBSITES

Cleveland City Planning Commission: <http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us>

Ohio Planning Conference (OPC): www.ohioplanning.org

American Planning Association (APA): www.planning.org

COURSE SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS AND REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS

AUGUST

29 Introduction

READ: Levy, Ch. 1

SEPTEMBER

5 History: Urban America/Early Planning History

READ: Levy, Chs. 2-4

REFERENCES: Larson and Peterson

12 The Administration of Urban Planning

READ: Levy, Ch. 6 – How Planning Agencies Are Organized

REFERENCE: Cleveland City Planning Commission

Legal Basis of Urban Planning

READ: Levy, Ch. 5

19 Comprehensive Plans

READ: Levy, Ch. 8

Land Use Planning

READ: Levy, Ch. 9

26 Planning and Politics

READ: Levy, Chs. 6 and 19

REFERENCES: Hartman, Krumholz and Forester

Social Planning

READ: Levy, Ch. 7

OCTOBER

3 Dilemmas of Planning

READ: Bunnell, Ch. 1

10 Urban Renewal and Community Development

READ: Levy, Ch. 11

17 Capital Facilities Planning

READ: Levy, Ch.9

Transportation Planning – the Euclid Corridor Project and the Cleveland Innerbelt Plan

READ: Levy, Ch. 12, handouts

REFERENCES: www.euclidtransit.org, www.innerbelt.org

Economic Development Planning

READ: Levy, Ch. 13

24 Urban Sprawl

Environmental and Energy Planning

READ: Levy, Ch. 15, handouts

REFERENCE: Eco-City Cleveland - www.ecocitycleveland.org

Growth Management Planning

READ: Levy, Ch. 14

31 Urban Design

READ: Levy, Ch. 10

REFERENCES: Urban Design Center of NE Ohio – www.cudc.kent.edu

Regional Planning and Development –
the Ohio Canal Corridor* and Cleveland’s Lakefront –
<http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/lakefront/>

READ: Levy, Chs.16, 17

Keating, Krumholz and Wieland, “Cleveland’s Lakefront: Its Development and Planning” *J. Planning History* (May 2005)

Handouts

REFERENCE: *Ohio Canal Corridor – www.ohioeriecanal.org

www.canalwayohio.com

NOVEMBER

7 National Planning?

READ: Levy, Ch. 17

Planning Successes

READ: Bunnell, Ch. 2

Planning for the Rebuilding of New Orleans

READ: New Orleans Rebuilding Handouts

MID-TERM EXAM

14 Student Team Presentations

Chattanooga

READ: Bunnell, Ch. 3

Providence

READ: Bunnell, Ch. 4

Charleston

READ: Bunnell, Ch. 5

21 Student Team Presentations

San Diego

READ: Bunnell, Ch. 7

Duluth

READ: Bunnell, Ch. 6

New Orleans Rebuilding Discussion

28 Revitalizing Declining Industrial Cities and their Inner Suburbs:

Cleveland and the First Suburbs Consortium:

READ: Handouts

First Suburbs Consortium of Northeast Ohio: www.firstsuburbs.org/neohio

DECEMBER

5 Neighborhood Planning and Plans/CDCs

READ: Handouts

Cleveland Neighborhood Development Corporation: www.cndc2.org

Rebuilding New Orleans: the Neighborhoods

Prospects for Urban Planning and Urban Planners

READ: Bunnell, Ch. 8

New Orleans Planning paper DUE

12 FINAL EXAM