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Graduate Programs—NEW COURSE PROPOSAL¹

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DEPARTMENT SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COLLEGE COLLEGE FOR DESIGN AND SOCIAL INQUIRY

RECOMMENDED COURSE IDENTIFICATION (TO OBTAIN A COURSE NUMBER, CONTACT NMALDONADO@FAU.EDU)

PREFIX URP COURSE NUMBER 7846 LAB CODE (L or C) _____

COMPLETE COURSE TITLE: SEMINAR IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

EFFECTIVE DATE
 (first term course will be offered)

FALL 2016

CREDITS²
3

TEXTBOOK INFORMATION
 BISHWAPRIYA SANYAL ET AL., PLANNING IDEAS THAT MATTER: LIVABILITY, TERRITORIALITY, GOVERNANCE, AND REFLECTIVE PRACTICE, MIT PRESS, 2012.

GRADING (SELECT ONLY ONE GRADING OPTION): REGULAR SATISFACTORY/UNSATISFACTORY _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION, NO MORE THAN THREE LINES:
 THIS SEMINAR COURSE COVERS URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING AS AN ACADEMIC SUBJECT OF STUDY, INCLUDING KEY IDEAS IN THE FIELD. IT IS A REQUIRED COURSE FOR STUDENTS IN THE URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING TRACK OF THE PH.D. PROGRAM IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. THE COURSE MAY BE TAKEN AS AN ELECTIVE BY OTHER STUDENTS IN THE PH.D. PROGRAM.

PREREQUISITES*
 NONE

COREQUISITES*
 NONE

REGISTRATION CONTROLS (MAJOR, COLLEGE, LEVEL)*
 MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE PH.D. PROGRAM IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

* PREREQUISITES, COREQUISITES AND REGISTRATION CONTROLS WILL BE ENFORCED FOR ALL COURSE SECTIONS.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED TO TEACH THIS COURSE:
 MEMBER OF THE GRADUATE FACULTY OF FAU AND HAS A TERMINAL DEGREE IN THE SUBJECT AREA (OR A CLOSELY RELATED FIELD).

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Please consult and list departments that might be affected by the new course and attach comments.³
 School of Public Administration and School of Urban and Regional Planning (no comments)

Approved by:

Department Chair: Steven Bourassa
Digitally signed by Steven C. Bourassa
 Date: 2015.08.12 13:52:01 -04'00'

College Curriculum Chair: _____
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UFS President: _____

Provost: _____

Date:

8/12/2015

8/21/2015

9/2/2015

1. Syllabus must be attached; see guidelines for requirements: www.fau.edu/provost/files/course_syllabus.2011.pdf
2. Review Provost Memorandum: **Definition of a Credit Hour** www.fau.edu/provost/files/Definition_Credit_Hour_Memo_2012.pdf
3. Consent from affected departments (attach if necessary)

Email this form and syllabus to UGPC@fau.edu one week before the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting.

**School of Urban and Regional Planning
College for Design and Social Inquiry
Florida Atlantic University**

**Syllabus
URP 7846 Seminar in Urban and Regional Planning
3 Credits
Fall 2016**

Instructor

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Class meetings

Day and time to be determined

Course description

This seminar course covers urban and regional planning as an academic subject of study, including key ideas in the field. Students are required to undertake a literature review, identify research opportunities, and conduct a seminar class in a subarea of the field.

This is a required course for students in the Urban and Regional Planning track of the Ph.D. program in Public Administration. The course may be taken as an elective by other students in the Ph.D. program.

Course objectives

This course is designed to give students an overview of urban and regional planning as an academic subject. Each student will also focus on one specific area within the subject and conduct a seminar class and write a paper on that area. The main learning objectives are to develop:

- an appreciation of urban and regional planning as an academic subject, including issues that arise in attempting to define the subject;
- detailed knowledge of research issues and opportunities within a particular subarea of urban and regional planning;
- the ability to prepare a literature review and identify viable research topics; and
- skills in conducting a seminar class.

Communication outside the classroom

On occasion, it may be necessary for the instructor to communicate announcements to students via email. For this reason, it is important for students to regularly check their university email accounts. Announcements will also be posted on the course's Blackboard site. Any changes to the syllabus needed to respond to university closings or other events will be communicated in this way.

Comments or questions about the course material or assignments should be posted to the class discussion board rather than emailed directly to the instructor. Students are encouraged to subscribe to the class discussion board. Students who subscribe will receive an email notification whenever someone posts to the discussion board. It is a good idea to follow the posts on the discussion board because they can be helpful with respect to understanding reading assignments as well as the requirements for the final paper. The instructor will generally be available to respond to discussion board posts until about 6:30 pm on weekdays only.

Assignments

There are four graded requirements for the course:

- (1) selection of a planning idea or subarea for the student-led seminar and final paper; this will preferably be based at least loosely on the topic of one of the chapters in the Sanyal *et al.* textbook (5% of final grade);
- (2) thoughtful class participation that reflects familiarity with assigned readings; class participation includes postings on the Blackboard discussion board (15%);
- (3) effective conduct of a seminar on the chosen planning subarea, including selection of appropriate reading assignments (40%); and
- (4) a final paper that presents a literature review for the selected subarea and identifies and discusses research opportunities in that subarea (40%).

Evaluation and grading

The assignments will each be assigned a numerical score (up to 100%) and the scores will be averaged and converted at the end of the semester into a letter grade. Numerical scores will be converted to letter grades as follows:

90-100: A	85-89: A-	
80-84: B+	75-79: B	70-74: B-
65-69: C+	60-64: C	55-59: C-
50-54: D	0-49: F	

Grades and comments will be available on the My Grades tab in Blackboard.

Academic integrity policy

Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it interferes with the university mission to provide a high quality education in which no student enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Academic dishonesty is also destructive of the university community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility. Harsh penalties are associated with academic dishonesty. For more information, see [University Regulation 4.001](#).

Information for students with disabilities

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, students who require reasonable accommodation due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD)—in Boca Raton, SU 133, phone (561) 297-3880—and follow all OSD procedures.

Required text and readings

Required texts:

Peattie, Lisa (1987), *Planning: Rethinking Ciudad Guayana*, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
 Sanyal, Bishwapriya, Vale, Lawrence J., and Rosan, Christina D. (2012), *Planning Ideas that Matter: Livability, Territoriality, Governance, and Reflective Practice*, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Additional books to be chosen from the Planetizen Top 20 Urban Planning Books list based on student interest and the number of class sessions available to cover important planning books.

Other required readings (posted on Blackboard):

Davoudi, Simin, and Pendlebury, John (2010), “The Evolution of Planning as an Academic Discipline,” *Town Planning Review*, vol. 81, no. 6, pp. 613-645.

Additional required readings will be assigned prior to the student-led seminars.

Course materials

The other required readings will generally be posted on the course’s Blackboard site under Course Documents. Detailed requirements for the final paper will be posted under the Assignments tab.

Course outline

Week	Class meetings, topics, required readings, and assignment deadlines
1	<p><i>Class topic:</i> Introduction to the course; planning as an academic subject of study; academic planning and planning practice</p> <p><i>Required reading:</i> Davoudi and Pendlebury (2010); Sanyal <i>et al.</i> (2012), Chapter 1</p>
2	<p><i>Subarea choice deadline:</i> January 17, midnight</p> <p><i>Class topic:</i> Key planning ideas I: livability</p> <p><i>Required reading:</i> Sanyal <i>et al.</i> (2012), Chapters 2, 3, and 4</p>
3	<p><i>Class topic:</i> Key planning ideas II: territoriality</p> <p><i>Required reading:</i> Sanyal <i>et al.</i> (2012), Chapters 5, 6, and 7</p>

4	<p><i>Class topic:</i> Key planning ideas III: governance</p> <p><i>Required reading:</i> Sanyal <i>et al.</i> (2012), Chapters 8, 9, 10, and 11</p>
5	<p><i>Class topic:</i> Key planning ideas IV: professional reflection</p> <p><i>Required reading:</i> Sanyal <i>et al.</i> (2012), Chapters 12, 13, and 14</p>
6	<p><i>Class topic:</i> Important planning books I (the number of weeks devoted to important planning books will depend on the number of student-led seminars):</p> <p><i>Required reading:</i> Peattie (1987)</p>
7	<p><i>Class topic:</i> Important planning books II</p> <p><i>Required reading:</i> To be advised</p>
8	<p><i>Class topic:</i> Important planning books III</p> <p><i>Required reading:</i> To be advised</p>
9	<p><i>Class topic:</i> Student-led seminar topic I</p> <p><i>Required reading:</i> To be advised</p>
10	<p><i>Class topic:</i> Student-led seminar topic II</p> <p><i>Required reading:</i> To be advised</p>
11	<p><i>Class topic:</i> Student-led seminar topic III</p> <p><i>Required reading:</i> To be advised</p>
12	<p><i>Final paper draft deadline:</i> April 11, midnight</p> <p><i>Class topic:</i> Student-led seminar topic IV</p> <p><i>Required reading:</i> To be advised</p>
13	<p><i>Class topic:</i> Student-led seminar topic V</p> <p><i>Required reading:</i> To be advised</p>
14	<p><i>Class topic:</i> Wrap-up discussion of urban and regional planning as an academic subject</p> <p><i>Required reading:</i> None</p>

Finals week	<i>Final paper deadline: May 2, midnight</i>
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