URBAN PLANNING SOLUTIONS TO CONTEMPORARY URBAN PROBLEMS

URBPLAN 141-201, 3.0 credit hours, Spring 2022
Department of Urban Planning in the School of Architecture and Urban Planning
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

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Course Description and Objectives
This class is intended to be a survey course in urban planning that familiarizes students with emerging and dominant issues within urban planning. The course seeks to acquaint students with the professional concerns and roles of those occupying the urban planning domain and expose students to matters of central importance in urban planning practice. This course will also help students appreciate the social and economic justice considerations inherent in the urban planning process.

Lecture: 2 hours per week
Discussion Section: 2 hours per week
Group work: 1 hour per week (on average)
Discussion section work: 1 hour per week (on average)
Readings: 2 hours per week

Required Texts, Articles and Materials
• The Just City Essays - http://www.thenatureofcities.com/the-just-city-essays
• Next City Articles - http://nextcity.org
• Other online articles as assigned
SCHEDULE

Week 1: Introduction to Course - January 25 / January 27

- Tues: Individually look over course syllabus and course requirements on Canvas in advance of class. Look over group project assignment and schedule. Prof. Harris responding to questions about course
- Thurs: Introduction of Just Cities by Prof. Harris

Week 2: Historic Overview – February 1 / February 3

- Tues: Facilitated Discussion by Prof. Harris
- Thurs: Facilitated Discussion of Week 2 Readings by Prof. Harris

READINGS - Tearing Down Invisible Walls
- Defining the Just City Beyond Black and White, Toni L. Griffin
- In It Together, Lesley Lokko
- Cape Town Pride. Cape Town Shame, Carla Sutherland
- Urban Spaces and the Mattering of Black Lives, Darnell Moore
- Ceci n’est pas une pipe: Unpacking Injustice in Paris, François Mancebo

Week 3: Governmental Policy and Racial Inequality - February 8 / February 10

- Tues: Introduce and Initiate Project Topic Discussions by Prof. Harris
- Thurs: Podcast - How the Government Created the Ghetto
  http://www.npr.org/2015/05/14/406699264/historian-says-dont-sanitize-how-ourgovernment-created-the-ghettos
  Reflection on Learning 1
  Course Project: Group meeting schedule due on Canvas before Lecture

Week 4: Economic Development - February 15 / February 17

- Tues: Facilitated Discussion of How the Government Created the Ghetto by Prof. Harris and video presentation - Segregation by Design https://vimeo.com/328684375
- Thurs: Facilitated Discussion of Week 4 Readings by Prof. Harris
READINGS - Inclusive Growth
  o The Case for All-In Cities, Angela Glover Blackwell
  o A Democratic Infrastructure for Johannesburg, Benjamin Bradlow
  o Creating Universal Goals for Universal Growth, Betsy Hodges
  o The Long Ride, Scot T. Spencer
  o Turning Migrant Workers into Citizens in Urbanizing China, Pengfei Xie

Week 5: Planning Ethics and Politics - February 22 / February 24

• Tues: Video Presentation - Planning, Planners and Applied Ethical Practice (Case Study of Minneapolis, MN)
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ka5eDMv0W4g&list=UUvqWCr2888S3boRqc0C0HA
  Reflection on Learning 2

• Thurs: Video Presentation - Unbreaking America: Solving the Corruption Crisis
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfQij4aQq1k
  Reflection on Learning 3
  Course Project: Topic Statement rough draft due - submit on Canvas before lecture

READINGS - Reinvigorating Democracy
  o Right to the City for All: A Manifesto for Social Justice in an Urban Century, Lorena Zárate
  o How to Build a New Civic Infrastructure, Ben Hecht
  o Turning to the Flip Side, Maruxa Cardama
  o A Just City is Inconceivable Without a Just Society, Marcelo Lopes de Souza
  o Public Imagination, Citizenship and an Urgent Call for Justice, Teddy Cruz and Fonna Forman

Week 6: Design, Institutional Influences, Participation and the Shaping of Just Cities – March 1 / March 3

• Tues: Facilitated Discussion by Prof. Harris: Hierarchy of Community Needs

• Thurs: Facilitated Discussion of Week 6 Readings by Prof. Harris
  Reflection on Learning 4
  Course Project: Topic Statement due - submit on Canvas before lecture

READINGS - Designing for Agency
  o Karachi and the Paralysis of Imagination, Mahim Maher
  o Up from the Basement: The Artist and the Making of the Just City, Theaster Gates
  o Justice that Serves People, Not Institutions, Mirna D. Goransky
Week 7: Gentrification – March 8 / March 10

- Tues: Audio Presentation & Facilitated Discussion of Week 7 Readings by Prof. Harris
  [https://soundcloud.com/620-wtmj/kirk-harris-gentrification](https://soundcloud.com/620-wtmj/kirk-harris-gentrification)
  
  *Reflection on Learning 5*

- Thurs: Video Presentation --TBD
  
  *Reflection on Learning 6*

READINGS - Elevating Planning and Design

- [Why Design Matters](#), Jason Schupbach
- [Claiming Participation in Urban Planning and Design as a Right](#), P.K. Das
- [Home Grown Justice in a Legacy City](#), Karen Freeman-Wilson
- [Portland Renters Create Plan for Facing Gentrification](#), Kelsey E. Thomas

Week 8: Affordable Housing I – March 15 / March 17

- Tues: Tentative: Ms. Kori Schneider-Peragine, Senior Administrator of Community and Economic Development Program, Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council – History of Segregation in Milwaukee
  
  *Course Project: Distribute presentation order*

- Thurs: Public Housing film - *The Pruitt-Igoe Myth* - Identify 3 things that stand out (for reflection on learning 7)

READINGS - Housing

- [How Segregation Destroys Black Wealth](#), New York Times
- [Busting 3 Myths About Public Housing](#), Jake Blumgart

SPRING BREAK: March 20, 2020 – March 27, 2020

Week 9: Affordable Housing II – March 29 / March 31

- Tues: Follow-up discussion of *Pruitt-Igoe Myth*
  
  *Reflection on Learning 7*

- Thurs: Benjamin R. McKay, Principal Planner, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

  *Course Project: Annotated Bibliography rough draft due on Canvas before lecture*
Week 10: Community Health, Well-Being and Environment I – April 5 / April 7

• Tues: Follow-Up Discussion of Guest Speaker Presentations from Ben McKay and Kori Schneider-Peragine by Prof. Harris

• Thurs: David Nelson, PhD, MS, Department of Family and Community Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Health and Community Equity Issues

Course Project: Annotated Bibliography due on Canvas before lecture

READINGS - The Big Detox
- A City that is Blue, Green and Just All Over, Cecilia P. Herzog
- An Antidote for the Unjust City: Planning to Stay, Mindy Thompson Fullilove
- Justice from the Ground Up, Julie Bargmann
- Parklets are Great, But Big Parks Pack a Big Punch, Cassie Owens

Week 11: Community Health, Well-Being and Environment II - April 12 / April 14

• Tues: Environmental Justice film - Green by Laura Dunn

Reflection on Learning 8

• Thurs: Facilitated Discussion of Week 10 readings (The Big Detox) by Prof. Harris

READINGS – Sustainability
- Encyclopedia of Earth
- In Flint, Mich..., Yanan Wang


Week 12: Community Health, Well-being and Environment III - April 19 / April 21

• Tues: Bogota: Building a Sustainable City video - PBS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWI1_EaUPLI

Reflection on Learning 9

• Thurs: Facilitated Discussion by Prof. Harris

Course Project: Presentation rough draft due on Canvas before lecture

Week 13: Race and Regional Inequality & Course Project Presentations – April 26 / April 28

• Tues: Course Project presentation questions and worktime
• Thurs: Video Presentation - Buffalo, NY Incident Race and the Busline and Discussion by Prof. Harris
  Reflection on Learning 10

Week 14: Course Project Presentations – May 3 / May 5 (Attendance taken)
Submit course project presentation on Canvas

Week 15: Course Project Presentations – May 10 / May 12 (Attendance taken)
Submit course project presentation on Canvas

Final: Course Project Presentations – Tuesday May 17, 3:00-5:00 (Attendance taken)
Submit course project presentation on Canvas

STUDENT ASSESSMENT & GRADING

Lecture: 70% of course grade
  Course Project - 50%
  Preparation & Development (checkpoint evaluations): 10%
  Final Oral Presentation: 20%
  Final PowerPoint Quality: 20%

Lecture Attendance & Participation - 20%
Reflection on Learning activities: Students will write a brief response explaining key takeaways from lecture in a few sentences. This will occur ten times throughout the semester when "Reflection on Learning" is stated on the schedule. If you know you will be missing class on the date of a Reflection on Learning, inform a Teaching Assistant prior to that date for options to make it up.
10 reflections @ 2% of the grade each

Discussion: 30% of course grade

  Attendance - 5%
  Participation - 10%
  Current Events Presentation- 10%
  Reading Presentations/Quizzes - 5%
COURSE POLICIES

Changes to syllabus
Students are responsible for any changes in this syllabus which are announced.

Academic Misconduct
Any students found guilty of academic misconduct (e.g. cheating, plagiarism) will be given a grade of “0” on the relevant assignment and disciplined according to the UWM Student Academic Disciplinary Procedures (see attached list of “University and Department Policies”).

COVID-19 and Virtual Attendance
If you are feeling sick or have tested positive for COVID-19, please notify your TA and you will be allowed to attend class virtually through Zoom. Make-up assignments will be given as needed.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Participation by Students with Disabilities
If you need special accommodations in order to meet any of the requirements of this course, please contact the Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) as soon as possible. You can learn more about the ARC at http://uwm.edu/arc/

Accommodation for Religious Observances
Students will be allowed to complete examinations or other requirements that are missed because of a religious observance (from UWM Faculty Document #1853 amended). Please let your instructor know about such absences as soon as possible, and preferably before the day(s) missed.

Academic Misconduct
The university has a responsibility to promote academic honesty and integrity and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of academic dishonesty. Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources, and for respect of others' academic endeavors. A more detailed description of Student Academic Disciplinary Procedures may be found in Regents Policy Statements, UWS Chapter 14 and UWM Faculty Document #1686.

Complaint Procedures
Students may direct complaints to the Department Chair or the Associate Dean for Social Sciences (College of Letters & Sciences). If the complaint allegedly violates a specific university policy, it may be directed to the Department Chair, the Associate Dean for Social Sciences
(College of Letters & Sciences), or to the appropriate university office responsible for enforcing the policy.

**Sexual Harassment**

Sexual Harassment is reprehensible and will not be tolerated by the University. It subverts the mission of the University and threatens the careers, educational experience, and well-being of students, faculty, and staff. The University will not tolerate behavior between or among members of the University community which creates an unacceptable working environment. A more detailed description of Sexual Harassment Policy may be found in UWM Selected Academic and Administrative Policies, Policy #S-36.1 and UWM Faculty Document #1605.

**Discrimination Against Students**

No student may be denied admission to, participation in or the benefits of, or discriminated against in any service, program, course, or facility of the [UW] system or its institutions or centers because of the student's race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital status, or parental status. A more detailed description of the policy may be found in UWM Selected Academic and Administrative Policies, Policy #S-49.7.

**OTHER UWM POLICIES AFFECTING THE CONDUCT OF A COURSE**

**Attendance**

The Department expects students to attend class regularly, but any specific attendance requirements are established by the instructor and made clear to the class during the first week of class. Students are responsible for getting notes or assignments for any classes they may have missed. Instructors may have additional requirements for exams that may be missed.

**Incompletes**

You may be given an incomplete if you have carried a course successfully until near the end of the semester but, because of illness or other unusual and substantiated cause beyond your control, have been unable to take or complete the final examination or to complete some limited amount of course work. An incomplete is not given unless you prove to the instructor that you were prevented from completing the course for just cause as indicated above.

Undergraduates are required to complete a course marked incomplete during the first eight weeks of the next semester (excluding summer sessions). An extension to the end of the semester is possible if extenuating circumstances prevent you from completing the required course work during the first eight weeks. Extensions must be recommended by the instructor and approved by the dean of your school or college. If you do not remove the incomplete during the first eight weeks of the next semester, the report of I will lapse to F. Audits will lapse to U. Credit/No Credit will lapse to No Credit.
A more detailed description of the Incomplete Policy may be found in UWM Selected Academic and Administrative Policies, Policy #S-31 and UWM Faculty Documents #1558 and #1602. Also, a description of this policy may be found at www.uwm.edu/ugbulletin/AcademicInfo.html#DD

Safety
In some class settings (e.g., classes with labs or field trips), the instructor will present safety guidelines and procedures. These procedures must be followed carefully to ensure your safety and the safety of your fellow classmates. Failure to follow safety procedures may result in disciplinary action.

Panther Community Health and Safety Standards
UWM has implemented reasonable health and safety protocols, taking into account recommendations by local, state and national public health authorities, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a member of our campus community, you are expected to abide by the Panther Interim COVID-Related Health & Safety Policy, which was developed in accordance with public health guidelines. These standards apply to anyone who is physically present on campus, UWM grounds, or participating in a UWM-sponsored activity:

- All individuals visiting UWM facilities must wear face coverings while indoors;
- Unvaccinated students coming to campus are required to test weekly for COVID-19; and,
- You should check daily for COVID-19 symptoms and not come to campus if you are feeling sick.