STUDY ABROAD SYLLABUS

URBPLAN or URBAN STUDIES 497/797  U/G – Credits:  3
Havana, Cuba – Winter 2020

Understanding Cuban Urbanism in Havana

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Course Overview
This course will be a hands-on learning experience of the City of Havana. The course includes a 9-day trip to Havana, a series of readings, slideshow presentations and a required orientation session. The itinerary and academic content will be focused on the historic preservation of Havana’s colonial city, Cuban efforts to build affordable and social neighborhoods and an unique sustainable urban gardening initiatives developed in the City of Havana.

Learning Outcomes
The three objectives of this course are:

1) To expose students to the unique history and the current urban experiences of the City of Havana.

2) To obtain a general knowledge of the built from and urban planning from a Cuban/Havana point of view.

3) To better understand the role of social housing “viviendas sociales” as it relates to Havana and the Havana metro area.

Reading List

Required:
History of the Havana: A Unique Latin American City
Five (5) Powerpoint Presentations provided by Professor Martin

Graduate Required Reading:
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**Grading**

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- B+ 87-89%
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- C+ 77-79%
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- D- 60-62%

Less than 60% is an F

**Travel Itinerary and Program of Study**

See Attached itinerary

**Prior to Travel:**

Prior to travel the class will have a series of mandatory meetings that are designed to give students a general cultural, social and historical background to the City of Havana. These meetings will also discuss necessary travel items such as: financial matters, travel matters and anticipated mandatory matters regarding travel to Cuba. These meetings will include lectures given by the professor that will be the academic grounding for a for credit SARUP class. Lectures will include but not limited to: slideshow presentations, documentaries, cultural groundings (music, food, literature, dance etc; and a concentration on the development of historical urban plans for Havana).

**Lecture 1: General Orientation**  
**on-line requirement**

**Lecture 2: Site-Specific Orientation**  
**TBD**

**Lecture 3: Pre-Trip Historical Orientation**  
**TBD**

**Issues of Interest**

Like any travel abroad program, a understanding to the history of Cuba and the unique urban experiences of the people that live there is essential BEFORE an academic immersion program. This information and the pre-travel orientation meetings will weigh heavily on the grading process.

Travel to Cuba is regulated by the United States Government and this syllabus may have to be amended due to these regulations or other unforeseen circumstances.
Special Notes

**Participation by Students with Disabilities:** If you need special accommodations in order to meet any of the requirements of this course, please contact me as soon as possible.

**Accommodation for Religious Observances:** Students will be allowed to complete examinations or other requirements that are missed because of a religious observance.

**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:** You may direct complaints to the head of the department. If the complaint allegedly violates a specific university policy, it may be directed to the head of the department in which the complaint occurred or to the appropriate university office responsible for enforcing the policy.

**Grade Appeal Procedures:** You may appeal a grade on the grounds that it is based on a capricious or arbitrary decision of the course instructor. Such an appeal shall follow the established procedures adopted by the department, college, or school in which the course resides. These procedures are available in writing from the respective department chairperson or the Academic Dean of the College/School. A more detailed description of the grade Appeal Policy may be found in UWM Selected Academic and Administrative Policies, Policy #S-28 and UWM Faculty Document #1243.

**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.

**Financial Obligation:** The submission on your registration form and your subsequent assignment to classes obligates you to pay the fee-tuition for those classes or to withdraw your registration in writing no later than the date specified in the schedule of classes. It is important to both you and the University that you make payment on time. A complete description of UWM fee policies may be found in the Schedule of Classes.

**Incomplete:** A notation of “incomplete” may be given in lieu of a final grade to a student who has carried a subject successfully until the end of a semester but who, because of illness or other unusual and substantiated cause beyond the student’s control, has been unable to take or complete the final examination or to complete some limited amount of term work. An incomplete is not given unless you prove to the instructor that you were prevented from completing course requirements for just cause as indicated above. 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 in UWM Schedule of Classes.

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