

**Florida State University – Panama**

**Fall, 2004**

**URP3000: Introduction to Planning and Urban Development**

Tuesday: 5:30-8:00 p.m.

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Course Text:

John M. Levy. 2003. Contemporary Urban Planning. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

**Course Description:**

This course offers an introduction to the fundamentals of planning and urban development. It is designed to provide students with an understanding of the basic planning and urban development processes including the forces and actors behind these processes. The history, structure, fields and larger questions related to contemporary planning are discussed. Case studies at the neighborhood and metropolitan level from developed and developing countries will be introduced to illustrate discussions. Students will have the opportunity to design basic strategies for planning and evaluation of urban development using the tools learned in class.

**Objectives:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to understand and participate more effectively in the decision-making processes related to planning and urban development. Students will also acquire basic skills to access and manipulate information related to planning, monitoring and evaluation of urban development.

**Course Prerequisite:** None

**Grading Policies:**

2 take-home assignments as a partial fulfillment for the final project 30%

2 partial examinations 40%

Final examination 30%

**Class Schedule:** (17 sessions)

Session 1	Introduction to the course Overview: Why Urban Planning Readings: Levy, Chapter 1
Session 2	Urban Development Scenarios in Developed and Developing Countries Readings: Levy, Chapter 2
Session 3	The History of Planning Readings: Levy, Chapters 3 and 4
Session 4	<b><i>Partial Examination 1</i></b>

Session 5	<b><i>First Assignment Due<sup>1</sup> and Presentations</i></b>
Session 6	Legal Basis and Politics of Planning Readings: Levy, Chapters 5 and 6
Session 7	Comprehensive Planning Levy, Chapters 8
Session 8	The Social Issues Readings: Levy, Chapters 7
Session 9	<b><i>Partial Examination II</i></b>
Session 10	<b><i>Second Assignment Due<sup>2</sup> and Presentations</i></b>
Session 11	Tools of Land-Use Planning and Environmental and Energy Planning Readings: Levy, Chapters 9 and 15
Session 12	Invited Speaker Presentation (To be announced)
Session 13	Urban Design Readings: Levy, Chapter 10
Session 14	Urban Renewal and Community Development Readings: Levy, Chapter 11
Session 15	Presentation of final projects <sup>3</sup>
Session 16	Presentation of final projects
Session 17	<b><i>Final Examination</i></b>

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<sup>1</sup> A five pages essay and PowerPoint presentation describing your community including population, housing, environmental and other relevant community related data. The use of maps and pictures are highly recommended.

<sup>2</sup> A five pages essay highlighting key issues that you consider should be improved in your community. The use of maps and pictures are highly recommended.

<sup>3</sup> A ten pages essay and PowerPoint presentation highlighting key issues that you consider should be incorporated in the development of a comprehensive plan for your community.

***Supplementary Readings:***

Session 2:

Fernández V. Rodrigo y Mario L. Uclés. 1988. ***La Estructuración de las Capitales Centroamericanas.*** Costa Rica: EDUCA.

Jackson, Kenneth T. 1985. ***Crabgrass Frontier: the sub urbanization of the United States.*** New York: Oxford University Press.

Mohl, Raymond A. 1988. ***The Making of Urban America.*** Wilmington, Delaware: SR Books.

Varela, Olmedo J. 1998. ***The Panama Canal, Migration Streams, and the Changing Patterns of Human Settlement in the Republic of Panama.*** Milwaukee: University of Wisconsin Joint Center for International Studies.

Varela, Olmedo J. 1999. ***Examining Patterns of Neighborhood Change in the City of Milwaukee, 1980-1990: An Ecological Approach.*** Ph.D. Dissertation. Milwaukee: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Session 6:

MIVI. 2001. ***Plan Normativo de la Ciudad de El Valle.*** Republica de Panamá

Logan, John R. and Molotch, Harvey L. 1987. ***Urban Fortunes: The Political Economy of Place.*** Berkeley: University of California Press.

Feagin, Joe R. and Robert Parker. 1990. ***Building American Cities: The Urban Real Estate Game.*** Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Session 7

Levy, Chapter 12, 13 and 14

Orum, Anthony M. 1995. ***City-Building in America.*** Boulder, CL: Westview Press.

Varela, Olmedo J. 1998. ***Examining Neighborhood Dynamics for Sustainable Development Initiatives: A Community Assessment of Selected Milwaukee Neighborhoods.*** University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Center for Urban Initiatives and Research, Milwaukee, WI

Session 8

Varela, Olmedo J. 1999. *Examining Patterns of Neighborhood Change in the City of Milwaukee, 1980-1990: An Ecological Approach*. Milwaukee: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Varela, Olmedo J. 2004. *Enfoque Participativos y Tecnologías de Información al Servicio del Desarrollo: evidencias y nuevos desafíos para la sostenibilidad del Sistema Integrado de Indicadores para el Desarrollo (SID)*. Panamá: Naciones Unidas-Gabinete Social.

Session 11

Varela, Olmedo J. *Integrating Spatial Analysis in Decision Modeling for Smart Growth Initiatives*. A Demonstration delivered at the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) Winter Meeting, Washington, D.C. February 7, 2000

ANAM. 1999. *Informe Ambiental*. Panamá

ANAM. *Estrategia Nacional del Ambiente*. Panamá

Session 14

Varela, Olmedo J. 1998. *Examining Neighborhood Dynamics for Sustainable Development Initiatives: A Community Assessment of Selected Milwaukee Neighborhoods*. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Center for Urban Initiatives and Research, Milwaukee, WI