

Eco-932 Development Policy and Planning

Course Description

This course provides an introduction to the context, theory, process, and practice of local economic development planning and policy. Topics covered include: differing theoretical and conceptual explanations of the economic development process; international, national, and regional factors affecting local economic development; federal, state, and local roles; contrasting economic development approaches and methods; equity, participation, conflict, and cooperation in economic development; and economic development practice and policy. The course will also cover topics and issues of implementation in economic development.

Learning Outcomes:

After completing the course, students should be able to:

- Understand different perspectives and the interpretation of economic development problems.
- Analyze contrasting and complementary explanations of how economic development occurs at regional and local levels.
- Develop understanding of principal current and emerging approaches and practices to promoting economic development at regional and local levels and an appreciation of the impacts of these approaches.
- Research issues of equity, participation, conflict, and cooperation in the economic development planning and implementation process.

Recommended Books:

Edward J. Blakely, *Planning Local Economic Development: Theory and Practice*, Newbury Park, CA: Sage, 1994 [second edition].

Peter K. Eisinger, *The Rise of the Entrepreneurial State: State and Local Economic Development Policy in the United States*, Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press, 1

Richard D. Bingham and Robert Mier (eds), *Theories of Local Economic Development: Perspectives From Across the Disciplines*, Newbury Park, CA: Sage, 1993.