

GPA 316 Urban Planning and Development

Pre-Requisites: None

Learning Objectives:

This course would explore important substantive areas and concepts in the field of urban and regional planning and current urban planning and policy issues and debates. General topics would include: forces that have historically guided urbanization in the world; land use, growth management, transportation and traffic congestion, economic development, housing and community development, environmental planning in legal, environmental and governmental contexts.

Learning Outcomes:

After completing the course, students should be able to:

- understand why we plan – and the social, political and economic forces that shape planning
- provide an overview of the various fields within urban planning, such as housing, community development, transportation, environmental planning, urban sprawl and growth management. Focus will be on the major policy issues and problems within each of the fields.
- introduce some of the major debates and issues in urban planning and policy
- become familiar with the various tools of planning

Course Contents:

Topics may included Metropolitan Issues, City Strategy and Governance, Municipal and Subnational Financial Management, Financial Management – Revenue Raising, Private Involvement in the Provision of Public Services, Land and Real-Estate Markets, Urban poverty, Managing the Urban Environment and Transportation and Metropolitan Growth

Text Books and Software:

1. The Challenge of Urban Government: Policies and Practices, Maria Emilia Freire, Richard E. Stren, ISBN – 13: 9780821347386, Publisher: World Bank Publications

2. Levy, John M. (2008), Contemporary Urban Planning (8th Ed). New Jersey. Prentice Hall.
3. LeGates, Richard T and Frederic Stout, Editors. The City Reader. London and New York. Routledge.
4. Urban Pattern, City Planning and Design 5th edition, Arthur B Gallian, Simon Eisner ,
5. Town Planning for the Third World by A.K.Bhatti
6. The Economics of Development & Planning by M L Jhingan 25th Edition