

CP 690
Seminar in Land Use Planning Principles and Techniques
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OVERVIEW

The primary course objective is to provide you with practical experience in preparing a long-range comprehensive plan. This course is the third of a 4-sequence land use planning curriculum (CP 630, 660, 690 and 700) in SDSU's Graduate Program in City Planning. CP 630 provided background in local government land use planning processes and implementation, as well as exposure to land use regulation and standards. CP 660 provided key GIS skills and data familiarity to support long range land use planning. CP 690 allows you the opportunity to examine how these principles are put into practice through "hands-on" creation of a comprehensive plan for a community in the City of San Diego. CP 700 focuses your efforts on site planning and learning techniques relevant to the development of a single land parcel. GIS skills are critical to your success in CP 690.

FORMAT

We will spend the first part of class (roughly 1.5 hour) with lecture and discussion related to the readings. Students will be required to present one of the General Plan reading assigned for the week. The reading presentations should be succinct, and emphasize its relevance to our plan update project. Please use PowerPoint or prepare a handout. This part of the course will solidify your understanding of the weekly topics. You are expected to complete assigned readings before each class.

We will spend the second part of class (roughly 1.5 hour) presenting and discussing your work in the communities. You will be expected to provide a Progress Report on your work each week. We will also use this part of the class to address problems or stumbling blocks you may be experiencing.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Progress Reports: Nine progress reports will be due over the course of the semester. I will provide a handout describing the expected content for each of the progress reports. You will be required to hand in written reports, maps, photos, or tabular data, as necessary, as well as summarize your findings for the class. We will use the progress report summaries as an opportunity for feedback and input from the class.

Final Community Plan Update: A Final Community Plan Update, including a professional-quality written document and an in-class PowerPoint presentation, will be due May 19th. I will provide a detailed handout on the content and format for the Community Plan Update. The final Plan Update will be closely tied to the weekly progress reports.

Mid-term Exam: There will be a mid-term exam during Week 10, which will cover all course materials (lectures, student presentations, and readings) from Week 1 through Week 9.

GRADING

9 Progress Reports:	40%	(180 points – 20 points each)
Final Plan Update:	30%	(135 points)
Plan Presentation:	10%	(45 points)
Midterm	<u>20%</u>	<u>(90 points)</u>
	100%	(450 points)

Grades will be based on the following scale:

A+ = 99.9% - 96.7%

A = 96.6% - 93.5%

A- = 93.4% - 90.0% etc.

Required Readings – available on the internet. Please print, bind and bring to class.

- State of California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, *General Plan Guidelines* (2003)
Download PDF version
http://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/publications/General_Plan_Guidelines_2003.pdf
- City of San Diego's Draft General Plan Final Public Review Draft (October 2006) General Plan
- City of San Diego General Plan Housing Element
- City of San Diego's (1992) *Transit-Oriented Development Design Guidelines – Transit-Oriented Development Design Guidelines*

Recommended Reading

- State of California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, *Planning, Zoning and Development Laws* (2005) – <http://www.opr.ca.gov>

COURSE OUTLINE

Week	Date	Topic	Reading	Due Dates
1	1/27	Introduction – Course Overview		
2	2/3	Overview of General Plans	<i>Guidelines</i> – Introduction; Ch1; Ch3 pp.43-47 <i>SDGP</i> TOC; Introduction	
3	2/10	Overarching Principles: Sustainable Development, Environmental Justice and Transit- Oriented Development	<i>Guidelines</i> – Ch2 <i>SDGP</i> – Strategic Framework Element <i>TOD Guidelines</i> pp.1-23	
4	2/17	Community Research: Analysis Tools and Data Sources	<i>Guidelines</i> – Ch3, pp.32-42 <i>SDGP</i> – Housing Element Community Profile, pp.121-158; Constraints to Development, pp.165-198; Adequate Sites Inventory, pp. 203-223	

COURSE OUTLINE (continued)

Week	Date	Topic	Reading	Due Dates
5	2/24	Existing Conditions Analysis	Sample Existing Condition Reports or Elements: http://www.lowellma.gov/depts/dpd/master_plan/exist_cond San Jose Background Element Chula Vista Intro and LU&T Element	Progress Report 1: Data Collection
6	3/3	Community Input	<i>Guidelines</i> – Ch8 http://www.lowellma.gov/depts/dpd/master_plan/public_opinion	Progress Report 2: Existing Conditions
7	3/10	Visions / Goals and Objectives	<i>Guidelines</i> – Ch3, pp.42-43 Goals and Policies for SDGP – LU, ME, UD, HE http://www.rochesterhills.org/city_services/upload/s/08_6_Goals_and_Objectives.pdf	Progress Report 3: Community Input
8	3/17	Future Conditions		Revised PR2
9	3/24	Housing Element	<i>Guidelines</i> – Ch.4, pp.61-75 SDGP – HE Goals 1& 2 SDGP – HE Goals 3-5 TOD <i>Guidelines</i> pp.24-59	Progress Report 4: Visions, Goals and Objectives
3/30 – 4/3		SPRING BREAK		
10	4/7	Mid-Term Exam	Progress Report 5: Future Conditions	
11	4/14	Land Use Element	<i>Guidelines</i> – Ch.4, pp.49-55 TOD <i>Guidelines</i> pp.24-59 SDGP – LU Element SDGP – UD Element	Progress Report 6: Housing Analysis
12	4/21	Circulation Element	<i>Guidelines</i> – Ch.4, pp.55-61 TOD <i>Guidelines</i> pp.60-87 SDGP <i>Mobility Element</i>	Progress Report 7: Land Use Analysis
13	4/28	Plan Implementation	<i>Guidelines</i> – Ch.9 TOD <i>Guidelines</i> – pp.88-91	Progress Report 8: Transportation System Analysis
14	5/5	<i>Working Session / Problem Solving</i>	[MCP Comprehensive Exams - M,W,F] Work on Final Plan Update	Progress Report 9: Plan Implementation
15	5/12	<i>Working Session / Problem Solving</i>	Work on Final Plan Update	
Finals Week	5/19	Final Project Presentations and Plan Updates Due		