This course will cover the theory and practice of urban planning. Planning policy, methodology, and implementation in such areas as land use, housing, environment, and facilities are covered. Particular emphasis will be given to the ways in which values inform the planning process as well as how societal changes are affecting our land use options.

There are readings assigned for each week and students are responsible for the content of this material. At the first class of each week, students are to submit a list of questions that they have as a result of a careful consideration of the readings. This exercise will form the basis of class discussions and will serve as a measure of the student’s understanding of the material.

Since the City of Portland and the State of Oregon together constitute a unique laboratory in which to consider urban planning issues, students will be required to read the Oregonian on a regular basis and to maintain a journal with articles and interpretive commentary.

There will be a mid-term and final exam.

Course Texts


Other readings are available as a course pack at Clean Copy.

Course Outline

9/23/93  Course Introduction

9/28/93  Planning Principles
        EGE, 1-17, 43-51

10/5/93  Land Use Planning in Oregon
        Howe, "Growth Management in Oregon"
"Oregon's Statewide Planning Goals"

10/5/93  Urban Form
        EGE 89-139, 163-189

10/12/92  Public and Private Planning: Structure, Process, and Theory
          EGE, 193-238, 241-259
          AICP Code of Ethics
          Hudson, "Comparison of Current Planning Theories"

10/19/92  Citizen Participation and Opposition
          EGE, 553-559
          Cogan, "Call to Order"
          Freudenberg and Pastor, "NIMBYs and LULUs..."
          Glass, "Citizen Participation in Planning"
          Sonnenberg, "Barriers to Communication"

10/21/93  Land Use, Commerce, and Industry
          EGE, 261-284, 341-363
          Whitelaw, "Oregon's REAL Economy"

10/26/93  Meeting Housing Needs
          EGE, 334-340
          Howe, "The Flexible House: Designing for Changing Needs"
          "Morgantown: Housing the San Juan Islands' Endangered Middle Class"
          Wylde, "Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing"

10/28/93  Mid-term Exam

11/2/93  Facilities Planning
          Guest speaker, Brian Chase, Director of PSU Physical Plant
          EGE, 364-371

11/4/93  Social Considerations
          EGE, 493-512
          Hare, "A Peter Pan Suburb Grows Up"
          Wolch and Gabriel, "Dismantling the Community-Based Human Service System"

11/11/93  No Class
11/12/93  Journals Due

11/16/93  Methods of Land Use Control
          EGE, 411-478, 513-516
          Dalton, "The Limits of Regulation"

11/30/92  Environmental Planning
          EGE, 18-43, 371-408

12/2/93   Regional Planning
          EGE, 593-606

12/7/93   Final Exam 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Course Responsibilities

Class Participation 15%
Weekly Questions    15%
Journal             20%
Mid-term            20%
Final               30%