

Syllabus for Land Use Planning Law

URP 6131, Online

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THE COURSE

Land use law is a balance between two interests. On one hand, states and local governments desire to make their communities better places to live by regulating how land is used and developed. On the other hand, all people have rights to use their property. This class will largely be about the point where these two interests meet and sometimes conflict.

Course objectives:

- Describe the planning process and the regulatory tools used to implement it.
- Discuss the role of planners and the power of diverse stakeholders in creating, implementing, and challenging land use regulations.
- Examine the legal doctrines that empower local governments to regulate land use activities.
- Review and analyze seminal land use law cases.
- Apply the fundamental principles of land use law to real world planning issues.
- Craft logical arguments based on legal planning principles, as well as common sense.

Office hours. Feel free to email me or to message me through Canvas at any time. You may also call or text during daytime hours, seven days a week at (352) 377-3141. Also, at your request, I am available to schedule telephone or video conferences at a time convenient to you.

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