

URP6979: Terminal Project Pt. 1

Contact Information

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E-mail: use the "Inbox" feature in Canvas

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Course Website

<https://lss.at.ufl.edu/> (Links to an external site.)

Course Communications

- 1) Your instructor is always available by email, and you can expect a response to emails within 48 hours except weekends and holiday. The instructor is also available for live chat by appointment. Please contact the instructor by email to arrange a chat.
 - 2) The student should contact the Committee Chair directly, by email or phone, as needed.
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Required Text

There is no required text for this course.

Course Description

The terminal project allows the student to explore an area of interest that has a strong foundation in the student's knowledge of planning and skills learned through the program. The terminal project is an identifiable issue, condition, or circumstance which can be subject to inquiry and resolution. It has research dimension, either by component or process; it may include a format consistent with thesis requirements or a format of non-traditional size, shape or material. The terminal project provides an opportunity for students to diagnose a problem situation, select appropriate analytic methods, evaluate alternative approaches, and recommend an approach or solution. It is a report on a real-world planning task or analysis, carried out in a manner that demonstrates professional judgment and competence.

This course demonstrates the student's understanding of planning knowledge, professional skills, ethics, critical thinking skills, effective communication and professionalism, and research methods. The literature review, including application of relevant precedent and theory, should inform the final product. The methodology and recommendations are reflective of and incorporate planning ethics. The results of research, analysis, synthesis are defensible and logical, and significantly inform the final product. Professional skills are demonstrated in the areas of visual, oral and written communications. The methodologies, results of the research findings, and conclusions are appropriate to the research focus.

Course Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, you should be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of human settlement, historical and contemporary practice, and policy and processes relevant to urban and regional planning concepts and theories.
- Demonstrate oral, written, and critical thinking skills required of master's students within their area of specialization.
- Display ethical behaviors, cultural sensitivity, teamwork, professional conduct and communication.

Course Outline

This course will not follow your standard course layout, i.e. Modules. You will be responsible for submitting all work into the Canvas by the set due dates listed below.

You will have access to the course content from URP6203: Planning Research Design to help you complete your Terminal Project. This content can be found in the "Files" section on the left-hand navigation menu.

Missed Deadlines

Notify your instructor if you are struggling to meet the set deadlines.

Course Technology

In the event that you have technical difficulties with e-Learning, please contact the UF Help Desk. If your technical difficulties will cause you to miss a due date, you **MUST** report the problem to Help Desk. Include the ticket number and an explanation of the issue based on consult with Help Desk in an e-mail to the instructor to explain the late assignment/quiz/test. The course faculty reserves the right to accept or decline tickets from the UF Help Desk based on individual circumstances.

For any technical issues you encounter with your course please contact the UF computing Help Desk at 342-392-HELP (4357), select option 2. For Help Desk hours visit: [Information Technology–UF Computing Help Desk \(Links to an external site.\)](#).

Student Support Services

As a student in a distance learning course or program, you have access to the same student support services that on campus students have. For course content questions contact your instructor.

Other resources are available at [Student Services|Distance Learning \(Links to an external site.\)](#).

University Policies

University policies on such matters as add/drop, incomplete, academic probation, termination of enrollment, reinstatement, and other expectations or procedures can be found in the [graduate student handbook \(Links to an external site.\)](#) and at the [Dean of Students website \(Links to an external site.\)](#).

University Policy on Academic Misconduct

Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should be sure that they understand the [UF Student Honor Code \(Links to an external site.\)](#).

Netiquette: Communication Courtesy

All students are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all e-mail messages, threaded discussions and chats. Course communication should be civilized and respectful to everyone. The

means of communication provided to you through e-Learning (e-mail, discussion posts, course questions, and chats) are at your full disposal to use in a respectful manner.

Abuse of this system and its tools through disruptive conduct, harassment, or overall disruption of course activity will not be tolerated. Conduct that is deemed to be in violation with University rules and regulations or the Code of Student Conduct will result in a report to the Dean of Students.

Refer to the [Netiquette Guide for Online Courses \(Links to an external site.\)](#) for more information.

Student Honor Code

In adopting this Honor Code, the students of the University of Florida recognize that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students who enroll at the University commit to holding themselves and their peers to the high standard of honor required by the Honor Code. Any individual who becomes aware of a violation of the Honor Code is bound by honor to take corrective action.

Student and faculty support are crucial to the success of the Honor Code. The quality of a University of Florida education is dependent upon the community acceptance and enforcement of the [Honor Code \(Links to an external site.\)](#).

The Honor Pledge

We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code.

On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

Special Accommodation

Students requesting disability-related academic accommodations must first register with the [Disability Resource Center \(Links to an external site.\)](#).

The Disability Resource Center will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation.

Complaints

Should you have any complaints with your experience in this course please visit [Student Complaints \(Links to an external site.\)](#) to submit a complaint.

Course Grade

Assignment	Points Possible	Percent of Grade
Discussions and Participation	400	40%

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student was prepared for discussions with the advisor (meeting by phone, email, chat, video) • Met deadlines as discussed with instructor 		

Assignments:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of Project Abstract (100 pts) • Quality Rationale for the project (125 pts) • Quality of Literature review (125 pts) • Quality of Data and analytical methods: (125) pts • Quality of Findings and conclusion (125) pts 	600	60%
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Total: **1000** **100%**

**Please note that all assignment due dates will be given to you by your committee chair!*

Grading Scheme

Letter Grade	Percentage	Grade Points
E	Below 55%	0.00
A	93-100%	4.00
A-	90-92%	3.67
B+	88-89%	3.33
B	83-87%	3.00
B-	80-82%	2.67
C+	78-79%	2.33
C	73-77%	2.00
C-	70-72%	1.67
D+	68-69%	1.33
D	58-67%	1.00
D-	55-57%	0.67

For greater detail, see the Grades section of the [Graduate Catalog for the University of Florida](#) (Links to an external site.). It also contains the policies and procedures, course descriptions, colleges, departments, and program information for UF.

You can also review [ISIS](#) (Links to an external site.) regarding frequently asked questions about minus grades.