

# Syllabus for Land Use Planning Law

URP 6131, Online

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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 conferences at a time convenient to you. I place a high value on being personally available to you. If you have questions about assignments or course material, call me, email me or message me.

**Assessment.** Information on UF grading policies can be found online at <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>. I will assess your performance in the course as provided in Canvas.

**Course schedule.** The weekly course schedule is outlined on Canvas and in your course text.

**Course text.** Your assigned reading are including in Land Use with a Florida Focus, the course reading supplement posted on Canvas.

**Class attendance, make-up exams and other work.** Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

**Accommodations for students with disabilities.** Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)) by providing appropriate documentation. Once

registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

**Online course evaluation process.** Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

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