

# MASTER OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

## URP 6061 PLANNING ADMINISTRATION AND ETHICS

### Basic course information

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Spring 2021  
3 credits  
Letter grading scheme  
No pre-requisites

### Instructor

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### Course description

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Administration and management of public and private planning offices; ethics of planning profession.

### Course goals

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1	Describe the planning process
2	Describe what being a professional planner means

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3	Recall the history of the planning profession
4	Describe the American Planning Association
5	Describe a professional planners' responsibility to the public, to an employer, and to the profession
6	Evaluate whether hypothetical facts constitute a violation of ethical rules by applying AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct
7	Recognize the procedure the AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct affords professional planners
8	Explain your values as a planner

## Required Textbooks

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Weitz, Jerry. The Ethical Planning Practitioner, 1st Edition (Routledge) ISBN: 9781138735217

Levy, John M. Contemporary Urban Planning, 11th Edition (Routledge 2017)  
ISBN: 978-1-138-6638-2, or 978-1-138-6637-5.

## Course Schedule

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In the Spring 2021 semester, this course will be delivered asynchronously through recorded lectures and Canvas assignments. We will have regular check-ins for discussion and questions.

These are the course modules:

- Ethics 1: Introduction to ethics
- Ethics 2: Aspirational principles
- Ethics 3: Rules of conduct
- Ethics 4: Rules of procedure
- Administration 1: Planning profession and planning institutions--federal, state, regional
- Administration 2: Planning institutions--local
- Administration 3: Planning process
- Administration 4: Planning administration
- Administration 5: Program and project management
- Administration 6: Implementation and evaluation

## Grading policy

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The course includes the following assignment categories. The grades you earn on each assignment will contribute to your course grade in the following proportions.

Assignment	Description	Weight toward final grade
Discussions	You will participate in class discussions.	10%
Case study	You will submit four assignments related to your case study. Each assignment will have its own instructions and grading rubric.	30%
Quizzes	You will take several quizzes throughout the course.	10%
Ethics hypotheticals	You will respond to ethics hypotheticals throughout the course.	30%
Final exam	You will take a final exam.	20%

Letter grades and grade points correspond with these scores.

Grade	Grade points	Score
A	4.00	≥94%
A-	3.67	≥90% and <94%
B+	3.33	≥87% and <90%
B	3.00	≥84% and <87%
B-	2.67	≥80% and <84%
C+	2.33	≥77% and <80%
C	2.00	≥74% and <77%
C-	1.67	≥70% and <74%
D+	1.33	≥67% and <70%
D	1.00	≥64% and <67%
D-	0.67	≥60% and <64%
E	0.00	<60%

## Learning management system contains additional course information

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The learning management system contains additional course information, including assignment descriptions and details on how the instructor will score individual assignments.

## Additional statements

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Excused absences must be consistent with [university policies in the Graduate Catalog](#) and require appropriate documentation. [Additional information can be found here.](#)

[More information on UF grading policy may be found here.](#)

### Students requiring accommodations

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the [Disability Resource Center](#) (352-392-8565) 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.

### Course evaluation

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. [Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available online.](#) Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or [via this link.](#) [Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students here.](#)

### University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor 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.” [The Honor Code](#) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

### Software use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

## Student privacy

Federal laws protect your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. [More information is available here.](#)

## Campus Resources

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### Health and Wellness

- U Matter, We Care. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) or 352-392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.
- The [Counseling and Wellness Center](#) provides a variety of services, including mental health counseling. You can contact the Counseling and Wellness Center by telephone at 352-392-1575.
- You can contact the [University Police Department](#) at 352-392-1111 (or 911 in case of emergency).
- Sexual Assault Recovery Services. You can contact the Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161.

### Academic Resources

- [E-learning technical support](#), 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or [learning-support@ufl.edu](mailto:learning-support@ufl.edu), provides help with Canvas.
- The [Career Resource Center](#), Reitz Union, 352-392-1601, provides career assistance and counseling.
- [Library Support](#) provides various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.
- The [Teaching Center](#), Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or 352-392-6420, provides help with general study skills and tutoring.
- The [Writing Studio](#), 302 Tigert Hall, 352-846-1138, provides help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.
- Contact [Student Complaints Campus](#).
- Contact [On-Line Students Complaints](#).