

Economic Development Planning - URP 6541

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Class Periods: Monday 7-9 period FAC 208

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Course Description:

This course offers an overview of important economic development planning topics at local, national, and international levels. Urban planning and economic development often intersect in the real world. Economic development issues, both at the micro and macro level, such as employment, taxes, subsidy, human capital formation, investment, the influence of technology, rapid globalization, innovative entrepreneurship, and overall growth, greatly affect the built environment through many different channels. This course will evaluate some of these developmental issues and the channels using theoretical and empirical perspectives. This course also aims to give you an understanding of pressing issues in developing countries. The planning process in India (from 1950-current) will be discussed thoroughly and compared with different international development models. This course will be applied in nature and will take an interdisciplinary approach.

Textbook:

Required: Nancy Green Leigh and Edward J. Blakely, Planning Local Economic Development (5th Edition), Sage Publication.

Recommended Texts:

Michael P. Todaro and Stephen C. Smith, Economic Development (11th Edition), Prentice Hall.

Course expectations:

I don't assume prior knowledge of economics. Some class time will be used to cover basics of economics.

Instructional Methods:

Classes will be conducted using lectures, discussions, and audio-visual presentations.

Course Requirements:

Weekly reading- you are expected to read and intellectually comprehend assigned readings for class discussion. For class discussion, readings will be assigned each week (most weeks). Students must post their critical assessment of the readings by Saturday night, before our discussion on the articles (by 11:55 PM Saturday every week).

Assignment- you are required to do two assignments. The assignments are an important course component; each will count toward your final grade. You will be given at least 7 days (announced in the class) to complete your assignments.

Class Presentation- each student is expected to present an assigned chapter from the textbook. Students will be notified in advance about the presentation. The instructor will present and discuss related material (not from the textbook) from various sources. These student presentations will count toward their final grades. The instructor and fellow students will grade you on presentation clarity, depth, and on ease of answering related questions.

Project- during the semester, students are expected to identify a research topic of interest. The final project for the course includes a research idea (300-500 words), bibliography, a comprehensive research proposal/paper (not more than 10 double space pages including bibliography), and a presentation (20-30 minutes).

Grading:

- Assignment: 30% of the final grades (2X15%)
- Article Summary: 15% of the final grades (3 articles)
- Class Participation: 10% of the final grades
- Class Presentation: 5% of the final grades
- Final project:
 - Research Idea: 5% of the final grades (Due 1st class after labor day)
 - Bibliography: 5% of the final grades (Due 4th class after labor day)
 - Presentation: 10% of the final grades (To be scheduled)
 - Final Proposal/Paper: 20% of the final grades (TBA)

Letter grades:

Numeric Grade	93-100	90-92.9	85-89.9	82-84.9	80-81.9	77-79.9	73-76.9	70-72.9	67-69.9	63-66.9	60-62.9	Below 60
Letter Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E
Quality Points	4.0	3.67	3.33	3.0	2.67	2.33	2.0	1.67	1.33	1.0	0.67	0.0

Required readings

Fainstein (1991). "Promoting Economic Development", *Journal of the American Planning Association* 57(1): pp. 22-33.

Bradshaw, Ted K., and Edward J. Blakely. (1999). "What are "Third Wave" State Economic Development Efforts? From Incentives to Industrial Policy", *Economic Development Quarterly* 13(3): 229-244.

Wolman, Harold, and Gerry Stoker. (1992). "Understanding Local Economic Development in a Comparative Context", *Economic Development Quarterly* 6(4): 415.

Pritchett, L (1997). "Divergence, Big Time", *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 11(3): pp. 3-17, Summer.

Bolton, R. (1992). 'Place prosperity vs people prosperity' revisited: An old issue with a new angle. *Urban Studies*, 29(2), 185-203.

Krugman, P. (1992). "Towards a Counter-Counterrevolution in Development Theory", *Proceedings of the World bank Annual Conference on Development Economics 1992*, The World bank, pp. 15-38.

Bardhan, P. (1993). "Economics of Development and the Development of Economics", *Journal of Economics Perspectives*, 7(2): 129-142, Spring.

World Bank, (2013). "World Development Indicators", *World Bank*.

Berke, P. R., & Conroy, M. M. (2000). Are we planning for sustainable development? An evaluation of 30 comprehensive plans. *Journal of the American planning association*, 66(1), 21-33.

* This list is not complete. I will add more readings in coming weeks.

Accommodation for students with disabilities:

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>). The Disability Resource Center in the Dean of Students Office provides students and faculty with information and support regarding accommodations for students with disabilities in the classroom. Staff at the Disability Resource Center will assist any student who registers as having a disability.

Attendance Policies:

Excused absences must be consistent with university policies in the Graduate Catalog and require appropriate documentation. Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies. [Click here to read the university attendance policies.](#)

Student Honor Code and Academic Honesty:

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."

Students must follow the University's policy regarding cheating and the use of copyrighted materials. Please visit

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/honorcode.php> for more information.

NETIQUETTE: COMMUNICATION COURTESY: All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all forms of communication. Please visit <http://teach.ufl.edu/docs/NetiquetteGuideforOnlineCourses.pdf> to know more.

Feedback

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 at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. 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 <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care:

If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352 392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

Counseling and Wellness Center: counseling.ufl.edu/cwc, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or police.ufl.edu.

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu.

[Career Resource Center](#), Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling.

[Library Support](#), Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

[Teaching Center](#), Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.

[Writing Studio](#), 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

[Student Complaints Campus](#)

[On-Line Students Complaints](#)

Disclaimer:

Subsequent changes may be made to any aspect or detail of this syllabus if and when necessary. Any changes will be announced in class as soon as practical.