

SPECIAL STUDIES - URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

URP 4905 EXPLORATION AND DIRECTED STUDY

CREDITS: Variable (1-3)

TERM: Offered every term

INSTRUCTOR: URP Faculty. Students are responsible for asking faculty members to supervise URP 4905 projects. The department does not assign supervisors to students, and cannot require faculty members to serve as supervisors of URP 4905 projects. Faculty members usually agree to direct URP 4905 projects only if the students who approach them have already taken upper-division courses from them.

MEETING TIMES AND LOCATION: To be arranged between faculty member and student.

ATTENDANCE: To be arranged between faculty member and student.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is an elective, self-directed course for undergraduate URP minors and other undergraduate students with faculty approval who wish to investigate a specific area of urban and regional planning.

COURSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The primary goal of the course is to provide students with research and/or design exploration of a specific topic of interest to the individual student under the advisement of an instructor who will monitor and critique the student's progress. The specific research goals will be different for each independent researcher and will be established by the student and the supervising instructor.

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Design a plan for the investigation of an identified planning issue.
- Analyze and discuss the identified issue and the results of the project
- Synthesize concepts as they relate to the identified issue
- Critically evaluate new information
- Effectively communicate information through oral, written, and/or graphic reports
- Uphold standards of ethical practice and research

UF ACADEMIC POLICIES & RESOURCES

PLEASE ACCESS THE FOLLOWING LINK FOR UP-TO-DATE UF ACADEMIC POLICIES AND RESOURCES: <https://go.ufl.edu/syllabuspolicies>

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FEE: None

GRADING

Information on current UF grading policies may be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/#gradingpolicies>

Grades are based on individual meeting participation, assignment completion, and the quality of work. In general:

An "A" grade in URP 4905 reflects not only mastery of the subject matter but also a high level of intellectual rigor, creativity, and professionalism in the execution of the project.

A "B" grade in URP 4905 acknowledges the student's solid performance and engagement with the project, but also suggests areas where they could strive for improvement and excellence in future endeavors.

A "C" grade in URP 4905 acknowledges the student's effort and engagement with the project, but also highlights areas where they could significantly improve to meet expectations and achieve better outcomes in future endeavors.