MASTER'S RESEARCH PROJECT

URP 6979 (For MSUA Students)

1-6 CREDIT HOURS

INSTRUCTOR: Chair of the student's terminal project committee.

REQUIRED TEXT: Typically, there are no required readings for this course.

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

PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS: This course is the capstone for the student's degree in urban and regional planning.

PURPOSE OF COURSE: 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, by either 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.

COURSE GOALS AND/OR OBJECTIVES: This course demonstrates the student's understanding of planning knowledge, professional skills, ethics, critical thinking skills, and 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.

HOW THIS COURSE RELATES TO THE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING: As the capstone course for the graduate program, Terminal Project allows students to demonstrate their planning knowledge and skills and as such relates to all three departmental student-learning outcomes. These are:
- 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 POLICIES:

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Meetings as set collaboratively by the student and the chair/committee.

MAKE-UP POLICY: None.

ASSIGNMENT POLICY: Benchmarks and submittal of materials set collaboratively by the student and the chair/committee.

COURSE TECHNOLOGY: The technology required varies based on the student's topic.

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MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FEE: None

GRADING POLICIES:

GRADING SCALE: The grading scheme for this course is S/U. For more information, see: https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/

COURSE SCHEDULE:

The course schedule is based on the goals the student sets for completion with timing and other review requirements set by the student's chair/committee. These additional requirements apply:

- The satisfactory completion of six credits of URP 6979 is a condition of the requirement of the degree of Master of Science in Urban Analytics.

- All Master's Research Projects must meet the requirements of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (format, dates, etc.).

The Master's Research Project culminates with a formal defense. Digital copies of the entire report must be given to all committee members and to the departmental archives.