

URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES INSTITUTE
Minnesota State University
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URBS 662: Operational Planning (3credits)

Class meets on Tuesdays from: 6:00 – 8:45pm in MH 112

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Overview

This class is designed to introduce you to the basic concepts and techniques pertaining to the development of land. You will learn these various tools and techniques through lectures, class discussions, assignments, and presentations.

This class will address the following topics:

- *Subdivision regulation*
- *Site plan*
- *Site analysis*
- *Parking*
- *Deed restriction*
- *Annexation*
- *Property description*
- *Impact Fees*
- *Growth Management*
- *Urban Community Gardens*

The class will be a combination of lectures, student presentation, and presentations by practicing planners. To supplement the lectures, I've lined up a series of guest speakers from various public and private organizations.

Reading materials

Larz T. Anderson (2000) Planning the Built Environment

Local Planning Laws in Minnesota @

<http://www.lpa.state.mn.us/laws/index.html>

Grading

Your grade will be determined based on the following:

Attendance	5%
Group presentation of readings	10%
Quiz	10%
In-class projects	
Subdivision design	15%
Parking	15%
Growth management exercise	15%
Slope analysis	15%
Final Examination	15%
Total	100%

Late assignment policy: I strongly discourage submitting assignments late. Late assignments will receive a 20 percent penalty for each day past the due date.

SCHEDULE

Week 1: Jan 13

Introduction, course description and assignments

Week 2: Jan. 20

Subdivision Process

Reading: Chapter 17

Student presentation:

- Chapter 14
- Chapter 17

Week 3: Jan. 27

Site plan review & site analysis

Readings: Chs. 1, 2 &3

Student presentation

- Ch 1, 2, 3

Class project: Slope Analysis

Week 4: Feb. 3

Student presentation

- Chapter 18
- Chapter 19

Class project: Subdivision design exercise (for chapter 18 on page 258-59)

Week 5: Feb 10

Property description

Guest lecture: Professor Wood

Week 6: Feb 17

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Guest lecture: Professor Wood

Week 7: Feb 24

Parking

Reading: Chapter 11

Class project: Parking lot design for chapter 11 on page 253)

Week 8: March 3

Street design in residential areas

Guest speaker: Alum

Reading: Chapter 16

Week 9: March 17

Impact Fees

Quiz (site plan & subdivision)

Week 10: March 24

Community Facilities

Reading: Chapter 20

Week 11: March 31

Deed restriction

Guest speaker: Alum

Exercise: Students prepare deed restriction

Week 12: April 7

Annexation

Guest speaker: Jon Noerenberg

Week 13: April 14

Growth Management:

Class exercise: Case study

Student presentation: Reading

Reading: Growth management in chapter 15 of *The Practice of Local Government Planning*, 3rd Edition, Frank So, Editor, International City Management Association

Week 14: April 21

Urban Community Gardens

Readings: The Planner in the Garden: A Historical View into the Relationship between Planning and Community Gardens, *Journal of Planning History*. vol.3 No.2 May 2004, 151-176

Student presentation: Reading

Week 15: April 28

Course Evaluation and Review

Week 16: May 5

Final examination