URBS 433/533- URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

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Purpose

The purpose of the course is to introduce students to principle, analysis and management of Urban Development.

Course Description

The course has been designed as an integrated discipline including disciplines such as economics, political science, sociology, environment, management and finance to mention just a few. This by virtue of what development implies. The urban environment is the focus of the development process. The rapid development processes throughout the world and mass population movement have given rise to several urban areas which have brought in their trail several development challenges which are of prime interest to the urban practitioner and students of urban studies. As an applied course, students would be required to do intensive analysis, discussions, presentations and reading. The students taking the course are considered matured, so they will play a critical role in the training process. Hence there will be group formation for team work, class presentation and peer review of class exercises.

Methodology

The instructor will play the role of a facilitator. He will present some of the issues in lecture formats. While students would be given exercises and present the results in Class for general discussions. Again the students would write essays on topics in the course outline and reviewed by the professor. Furthermore the class would be
turned into a forum for general discussions on some current urban development issues.

**Required Textbooks:**


**Grading Structure**

i) Regularity of class attendance and general participation (10 percentage points)

ii) Continuous Assessment, covering essays, presentations, class discussions, quizzes and mid-term test (60 percentage points)

iii) Final Semester Exams (30 percentage points)

Grading of the essay will be based on correct usage of basic principles of development, understanding of concepts and their application in real life. Late essays will be accepted except under tangible excuse from the student. All students must take part in the final examination.

- **Grading Scale.**
  - 95-100 A+
  - 90-94 A
  - 85-89 A-
  - 80-84 B+
  - 75-79 B
  - 70-74 B-
  - 60-69 C
  - below 60------Fail
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**Some University Policies**

**Incomplete Grades**

University policy regarding incomplete grades will be strictly implemented in this course. See student handbook.

**Attendance**

Class attendance and participation affect your course grade as they carry 10 percentage points. It is the students’ responsibility to stay informed of what is going on in class, including announcements, handouts, assignments, changes to
the course outline. Make up examination will not be allowed except under verifiable emergencies.

**Students with Special Needs**

If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act: Please notify me immediately, every attempt will be made to accommodate qualified students with disabilities. If you are a student with a documented disability, please see me as early in the semester as possible to discuss the necessary accommodation and/or contact the Disability Services Office at 507-389 2825(V) or 1-800-627-3529(MRS/TTY) The disability Services website is located at [http://www.mnankato.msus.edu/dso/](http://www.mnankato.msus.edu/dso/)

**Academic Dishonesty**

Plagiarism is a serious offense; and will not be tolerated. Copying or closely paraphrasing other people’s work including the work of your fellow students is considered plagiarism and it will result in failing course
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