

UPD 7202 Neighbourhood Planning and Design

Hours Per Week			Hours per Semester	Weighted Total Mark	Weighted Exam Mark	Weighted Continuous Assessment	Credit Units
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Course description:

Neighborhoods remain an important locus of everyday life. In particular, the quality of a neighborhood's housing stock, physical infrastructure, social relationships (both internal and external), environment, and employment and business opportunities have a major impact on the quality of life experienced by its residents.

The course focuses on skills, practices and values fundamental to successful neighbourhood planning. The various planning approaches upon which the field is based forms the major component of the course.

Objectives:

- To know the history and theoretical underpinnings of neighborhood planning, community development and community organizing
- To be familiar with the determinants of neighborhood change and how change can be influenced through community development
- To introduce the various purposes of neighbourhood planning and design, both as a method for developing an agenda and focus for neighbourhood-based organizations and as a type of physical/environmental planning
- To introduce planning methods appropriate to these various purposes, including process design and facilitation, data analysis, neighbourhood strategic planning, and graphic presentation techniques
- To gain experience via participation in an active neighbourhood planning project

Learning outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course students will demonstrate:

1. A broad understanding of the purposes of neighbourhood planning and design
2. Basic competence to manage a neighbourhood planning process.
3. Fundamental Design Skills – Ability to apply basic organizational, principles to the conception and development of neighbourhoods
4. Collaborative Skills – Ability to identify and assume divergent roles that maximize individual talents, and to cooperate with other students when working as members of a design team and in other settings.

Delivery method:

The course will be delivered in form of lectures and group discussions. The course also will include a review of relevant literature and discussions pertaining to the purpose and practice of neighbourhood planning. Reading assignments will include course texts and hand-outs provided by the instructors. Evidence of reading and understanding will be evaluated through class discussions and occasional written assignments and will contribute forty percent (40%) to the student's final course grade.

Students will visit one or more neighbourhood planning activities ongoing in Kampala City or in the region. During this period of the course, students will continue receiving instruction on planning concepts and methods appropriate to their individual assignments and tasks. Students will be graded as an individual or a group, depending upon the exact nature of the planning activity undertaken.

Assessment method:

This will be done through continuous assessment (including coursework and tests) and written examination at the end of the semester. Coursework and test will be assessed out of 40% and examinations, out of 60%.

Course content:

Topics to be covered through readings, class discussions, guest speakers and hands-on planning activities. The following will be covered:

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| 1. The Ideal Neighbourhood. | 2 CH |
| 2. Types of Neighbourhood Planning | 2 CH |
| 3. Case Studies – neighbourhood development projects | 4 CH |
| 4. Neighbourhood Planning as a Platform for Government/Neighbourhood Collaboration. | 4 CH |
| 5. Fundamental Concepts and Legal Bases for Local Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation. | 4 CH |
| 6. Local Process and Authority for Establishing Neighbourhood Plans. | 2 CH |
| 7. Grassroots Planning Advocacy and the Politics of Planning & Zoning. | 2 CH |
| 8. Community Involvement, Resident Organizing and Neighbourhood Leadership. | 2 CH |
| 9. The Role of Neighbourhood-Based Organizations in Community Planning & Development. | 4 CH |
| 10. Strategic Planning and Facilitation Methods. | 4 CH |
| 11. Neighbourhood Economic Development. | 2 CH |
| 12. New Urbanism, Traditional Neighbourhood Zoning Districts, and Brownfield Redevelopment. | 5 CH |
| 13. Transportation & Parks. | 4 CH |
| 14. Neighbourhood Housing Strategies. | 2 CH |
| 15. Comprehensive Neighbourhood Strategies. | 2 CH |

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References:

1. Rohe, W. M. & Gates, L. B. (1985). *Planning with Neighbourhoods*. Chapel Hill , NC : The University of North Carolina Press.
2. Ian Colquhoun (2004) *Design Out Crime: Creating Safe and Sustainable Communities*
3. Ashley Lyons (2006) *Neighbourhood Planning Process and Implementation: Highlights from four Cities*
4. Carmen Sirianni (2007) *Neighbourhood Planning and Collaborative Design: The Case of Seattle*. *Journal of American Planning Association*, 73:4, 373-387

5. William Peterman, *Neighborhood Planning and Community-Based Development: The Potential and Limits of Grassroots Action*. SAGE Publications, 2000, paperback ISBN 0-7619-1198-7
6. Henry Louis Taylor, Jr. *Inside El Barrio: A Bottom-Up View of Neighborhood Life in Castro's Cuba*, Kumarian Press, Sterling, Virginia, 2009, paperback, ISBN 978-1-56549-281-3
7. Peter Medoff and Holly Sklar, *Streets of Hope: The Fall and Rise of an Urban Neighborhood*. South End Press, Boston, Massachusetts, 1994, paperback, ISBN 0-89608-482-5