PLANNING (PLN)

College of Business and Public Management

Courses

PLN 301. Planning History, Theory, and Ethics. 3 Credits.
Planning theory is crucial to understanding how planners make decisions. Making ethical
decisions is a critical component in the everyday life of an urban planner. This course takes
an in-depth look at various planning theories including comprehensive, incremental, mixed
scanning, advocacy, equity, and radical approaches to planning while adhering to the
American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) code of ethics and conduct. Students examine
the history and evolution of planning; planning within a democracy; how planning influences
society; new directions within the field, including sustainability; and finally the relationship
between planning theory, practice, and ethical decision making. As a result, it will enable
students to critically understand the purpose and contribution of planning within society as
well as the role of the planner, including the issues of planning ethics, professional standards
and conduct, and principles of the AICP Code of Ethics.
Typically offered in Spring.

PLN 302. Community Engagement Techniques. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on qualitative methods and citizen engagement techniques for planning
practice. Discussion centers on citizen participation, social justice, governance and working
with under-represented populations. The course includes how to conduct a community survey,
structure a public meeting, conduct a focus group, and other methods planners use to bring
meaningful citizen participation into community decision-making.
Typically offered in Spring.

PLN 316. Planning for Resilient Communities and Natural Disasters. 3 Credits.
This course will focus on urban planning practices that help mitigate the impacts of various
disasters to make resilient cities. It will provide students with the capacity to develop planning
and public service skills to understand, diagnose and address causes, consequences, and
mitigation and adaptation measures for a wide variety of emergencies and disasters. The
course is both international and place-based in scope, with an emphasis on identifying best
practices to help local communities survive the impact of major disasters.
Typically offered in Spring.
Cross listed courses GEO 316, PLN 316.

PLN 318. Economic Development Planning. 3 Credits.
This course is concerned with the spatial patterns of economic activities, including production,
consumption, and settlement. It provides an understanding of their location and the processes
of change. The course is both international and place-based in scope, with an emphasis on
economic concepts and the global economy, and the local impacts of global economic forces,
as well as the role that the local public sector plays in generating economic development
(jobs, employment, and tax base). The class is geared both to students interested in exploring
the role of the public sector in facilitating private sector investment and those interested in
preparing themselves for a career position in planning, economic development, real estate, or
public policy in general.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall & Summer.

PLN 320. Land Use Planning. 3 Credits.
An inquiry into the development of comprehensive land use studies by governmental and
private agencies, emphasizing the development of skills in problem identification and
resolution.
Pre / Co requisites: PLN 320 requires a prerequisite of GEO 214.
Typically offered in Fall.

PLN 322. Land Development Controls. 3 Credits.
An insight into the "why" and "how" of land development, emphasizing the role of local
government in zoning, subdivision regulation, and other land regulations.
Pre / Co requisites: PLN 322 requires a prerequisite of GEO 214.
Gen Ed Attribute: Speaking Emphasis.
Typically offered in Spring.

PLN 331. Transportation Planning. 3 Credits.
Transportation planning is a key component of our communities and regions. This course
addresses the various components of the transportation system of an urban area and the
planning processes to provide transportation facilities as integral elements of the urban
community. The primary geographical focus is the metropolitan area. The student will consider
the various modes of the transportation system: automobile, rail, mass transit, air, water,
bikeways and pedestrian components. Each mode is addressed in terms of systems elements:
governance, financing, the planning process, environmental aspects and sustainability. The
course is appropriate for the student new to community planning as well as the student who
has focused interested in transportation planning and considerations it encompasses. The
course serves as a base of career building in community planning; transportation planning;
serve as a base of knowledge for the informed citizen and user of the transportation system
in a sustainable manner.
Typically offered in Spring.
Cross listed courses GEO 331, PLN 331.

PLN 336. Environmental Planning. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the concepts and tools of environmental planning, which include landscape
form and function in planning. Applications to local and regional issues are stressed.
Typically offered in Spring.
Cross listed courses GEO 336, PLN 336.

PLN 354. Housing and Planning in America. 3 Credits.
LEC (1.5), DIS (1.5)
This course provides an overview of the physical, social, economic, and political forces that
shape current housing conditions of the United States. The course introduces key concepts and
institutions that influence the production, distribution, and maintenance of housing in the
U.S. and other select countries. The Philadelphia metropolitan area is emphasized as a case
study for understanding the implications of present and future housing plans, geography, and
policies in the U.S.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall.
Cross listed courses PLN 354, GEO 354.

PLN 403. Planning Design (Studio A). 3 Credits.
Selected experiences designed to assist the student (either as an individual or as a member
of a group) in developing proficiency in information-providing techniques.
Pre / Co requisites: PLN 403 requires a prerequisite of GEO 214.
Typically offered in Fall.
Cross listed courses PLN 403, GEO 403.

PLN 405. Planning Design (Studio B). 3 Credits.
Selected experiences designed to assist the student (either as an individual or as a member
of a group) in developing proficiency in site planning and urban design techniques.
Pre / Co requisites: PLN 405 requires a prerequisite of GEO 214.
Typically offered in Spring.

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