

COURSE OUTLINE

Professional Planning Practice

EVDP 621 H(3-0)

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PFA (TBD) hours by appointment

Introduction

Professional planning practice is based on the consistent application of principles associated with notion of professionalism and the practice of land use planning in Alberta. The course will introduce a variety of principles that can be applied in varying situations that a planning practitioner may encounter.

Objectives

1. To explore the range of principles that can be used to guide professional practice
2. To identify and explore the application of land use planning principles to a varied of land use planning situations
3. To explore the manner in which planning theories impact profession practice
4. To apply theory and principles to the resolution of a current planning challenge

Teaching Approach

The course will employ several instructional methodologies, but will chiefly rely a problem-based learning approach with the instructor introducing a topic with a brief lecture and then serving as discussion facilitator. Once the problem to be solved is introduced to the class will be divided into working groups to consider the most appropriate principles and theories to apply to achieving a responsible solution. Each group will carry out necessary secondary research to clarify the issues surrounding the problem, select the most appropriate professional and planning principles to apply, develop a proposed solution to the problem and then present that solution to a panel of individuals familiar with the problem.

Content: Topic Areas & Class Schedule

Sept 9 Introduction to Professional Practice; Principle – Start with the end in mind+

Sept 16 Land Use Planning Principles & Introduction to the Problem

Sept 23 Field Trip to Problem “Site”

Sept 30 Planning Tools in Alberta and Beyond

Oct 7 Planning Theory and the Planning Process

Oct 21 Review of Problem Related plans and regulations

Oct 28	Challenges of Applying Planning Tools; Guest lecturer
Nov 4	Planning with those #@%* other professions
Nov 11	Planning with the #@%* public and politicians
Nov 18	Presentations - Outline of Each Group's Approach to Resolving the Problem with applicable theories and principles identified
Nov 25	Planning for Sustainability ... Paradise Lost; Guest Lecturer
Dec 2	Finalizing Resolution Strategies & Conceptual Design – Facilitated Group Work
Dec 12	Group presentation of Proposed Problem Solutions

Evaluation

Course participants final evaluation will be based on 3 individual assignments and the group assignment associated with problem resolution.

Assignment #1 – Summary of Provincial legislation required to fully address the identified problem, not to exceed 2 pages. Due Sept 30th 20%

Assignment #2 – Critical analysis of the relevant plans and regulations and the challenges they pose to resolving the problem. Not to exceed 2 pages. Due Oct 21st 20%

Assignment #3 – Applied professional & planning principles, which are most critical to resolving the problem with justification. Not exceed 2 pages. Due Nov 18th 20%

Group Assignment – Proposed problem resolution, overview of applicable principles, land use & regulatory solutions, proposed land use concept/design. Due Dec 12th 40%

Grading Scale

EVDS standards

Readings:

To be determined by the problem solving process.