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Proposal for Course and Catalog Description Change

GE 462 Planning: Development, Principles and Theory

Prerequisite: GE 360

Credits: 3

1. Existing Catalog Description

Examines the process of city planning during ancient, medieval, Renaissance, and modern periods. A review of early planning in America, as well as present city planning is included.

2. Proposed Catalog Description

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Seminar on contemporary debates concerning planning principles, traditions and practices. The activity of planning is investigated from several theoretical frames and analytic positions.

2. Summary of Revisions for GE 462: Planning:Development, Principles and Theory

3. Justification for the Proposed Change

Proposed changes are recommended to insure that the course description squares with the state of the art, course content and course format. The existing description is considered inadequate.

A. The current catalog description was written in 1975 and does not reflect contemporary approaches to planning theory. Over the last twenty years planning has become an academic subject employing full time critics and theorists. There currently exists a substantial body of writing on the cognitive, interactive, institutional, and

structural dimensions of planning practice. The existing catalog description, unlike the course, emphasizes historical figures and products rather than the theoretical basis of planning.

PART II

Seminar on contemporary debates concerning planning traditions, principals and practices. The activity of planning is investigated from several theoretical frames and analytic positions.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

A. To illustrate how different representations of planning practice influence planning activities.

B. To consider how the mobilization of many actors and institutions makes planning possible while simultaneously limiting the form it can take.

IV. EVALUATION METHODS

PROCESS BOOKS (40%): An informal document of student responses to material-

4. OLD COURSE SYLLABUS CE 462. PLANNING-DEVELOPMENT

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PLANNING THEORY AND PHILOSOPHY

Objective: Examine the historical development of planning theory and planning philosophy from early Greek through modern times.

...with an adequate time perspective of how

Content: Discussions will center around four major themes:

1. Urban Design and Development: Emphasis here is on the historical

concepts of urban space, urban masses, open spaces, city form.

2. In this way the student will be afforded an opportunity to

personally present his or her report findings much the same

as one would before a planning commission.

Examinations: The final mark will be based on the following grading system:

- 1. Term Paper: 40%
 - Class Presentation — 10%
 - Written Paper — 30%

- 2. Examinations: 60%
 - Mid-Term — 30%
 - Final — 30%

3. The examinations will be a combination of essay and objective questions