

Urban Studies and Planning Program

Upper-Division Courses – Academic Year 2016-2017

Fall Quarter 2016

USP 107. Urban Politics

(Same as POLI 102E.) This survey course focuses upon the following six topics: the evolution of urban politics since the mid-nineteenth century; the urban fiscal crisis; federal/urban relationships; the "new" ethnic politics; urban power structure and leadership; and selected contemporary policy issues such as downtown redevelopment, poverty, and race.

USP 121. Real Estate Law and Regulation

Examination of regulation of real estate development, as it affects landowners, developers and others private sector actors. Includes underlying public policies, establishment and enforcement of laws and regulations, application of regulations to individual projects, and political considerations in implementing regulations.

USP 170. Sustainable Planning

This course will explore the different factors and processes that shape a sustainable city. Contemporary green planning techniques and values will be evaluated. The course will also discuss planning, designing and implementation of sustainable facilities that will reduce sprawl.

USP 176. Bi-National Regional Governance and Planning Challenges

This course explores governance and planning challenges in the California/Baja California bi-national region. What are the roles of federal, state, and local governments in addressing issues of transportation, land-use, water/wastewater management, and safety and security?

Winter Quarter 2017

USP 115. Politics and Policymaking in San Diego

(Same as POLI 103C.) This course examines how major policy decisions are made in San Diego. It analyzes the region's power structure (including the roles of non-governmental organizations and the media), governance systems and reform efforts, and the politics of major infrastructure projects.

USP 120. Urban Planning, Infrastructure, and Real Estate

This course will explore the interrelationships of urban planning, public infrastructure and real estate development. These three issues are critical to an examination of the major challenges facing California's and America's major metropolitan centers.

USP 125. The Design of Social Research

Research methods are tools for improving knowledge. Beginning with a research question, students

will learn to select appropriate methods for sampling, collecting, and analyzing data to improve their research activities and research results.

USP 175. Site Analysis: Opportunities and Constraints

Introduction to the theory and practice of context-sensitive site analysis, including: site selection and programming; site inventory and analysis; and conceptual design. Demonstrates uses of GIS-based sketch planning tools for suitability analysis and project visualization in real world settings.

USP 181. Public Transportation

Livable cities rely on balanced transportation systems that can mitigate the negative impacts of car-oriented environment and society. This course will explore the role of public transit in creating a balanced transportation system. A variety of public transportation systems will be analyzed.

Spring Quarter 2016

134. Community Youth Development

This course examines the integration of youth development and community development in theory and practice as a strategy for addressing adultism. Analyze cases through a cultural lens where local, national, and international youth movements have helped make community development more responsive, inclusive, and culturally sensitive.

USP 171. Sustainable Development

Sustainable development is a concept invoked by an increasingly wide range of scholars, activists, and organizations dedicated to promoting environmentally sound approaches to economic development. This course critically examines the diverse, often contradictory, interests in sustainability. It provides a transdisciplinary overview of emergent theories and practices.

USP 180. Transportation Planning

Introduction to the history and current state of urban transportation planning, including the relationship between transportation and urban form; role of automotive, mass transit, and alternative modes; methods for transportation systems analysis; decision-making, regulatory, and financing mechanisms; and public attitudes.

USP 189. Special Topics in Urban Planning

An undergraduate course designed to cover various aspects of Urban Planning. May be taken for credit up to two times.