

URBAN PLANNING COURSE HIGHLIGHTS Summer and Fall 2008

*** IMPORTANT NOTES ***

New Courses

There are several new courses being offered in the summer – see the relevant pages below. You may also download the International, PNP, and Health course highlights for additional information on courses in those programs. Check the course schedule prior to registration for any updates or changes: <http://www.nyu.edu/wagner/courses/>

Note: Always check the course schedule posted on the Wagner website for the most updated schedule information as the schedule is subject to change.

Courses by Semester

To view an outline of when courses are typically offered, visit <http://wagner.nyu.edu/courses/> and download the “Courses by Semester” documents.

Outside Electives

To view the University-wide list of courses that has been pre-approved by the Wagner faculty and may be taken as electives, visit <http://wagner.nyu.edu/courses/otherlistings.php>

Fall 2008 – Spring 2009 Capstone

Students cannot register themselves for Capstone!

Mandatory Capstone Information Sessions will be held in April 2008. Click on the following link for dates, times and to RSVP <https://www.nyu.edu/wagner/events/capstonesessions.php>

Governance

Students enrolling in Intro to Policy in the fall semester are strongly encouraged to take the Governance module (P11.1789), offered August 26 – 28, to help them prepare for Intro to Policy if they have not taken an American Government course, or have not taken such course in several years and need to brush up on their knowledge of the basic design and functions of the governmental units in the United States.

Core Course Waiver Exams

Students who do not qualify for an automatic course waiver (see waiver policies at: <http://www.nyu.edu/wagner/current/registration/waivers.php>) may write a waiver exam. The spring waiver schedule is posted on our website, and students can register online (using the previous link).

SPSS Proficiency

SPSS proficiency is a requirement for graduation. Students who do not waive Statistics (P11.1011) gain proficiency through their coursework in P11.1011.

Students who waive P11.1011 must demonstrate proficiency in SPSS by passing the SPSS examination (P11.1038). Students who waive P11.1011 and intend to take Multiple Regression and Introduction to Econometrics (P11.2902) must pass the SPSS exam prior to the first day of P11.2902. Register on Albert for the optional preparatory module (P11.1031) and for the exam (P11.1038).

***** Summer 2008 COURSE INFORMATION *****

~ new courses offered in summer ~

P11.4106 -- Community Relations and Public Works, 2 points

Instructor: Greenberger

Tuesday/Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m. and one Saturday, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Meets May 20, 22, 27, 29, and Saturday, May 31

Prerequisites: None

"Community Relations and Public Works" deals with securing community support for public projects, a complex yet vital part of the urban-planning process. The course, taught by the head of NYC's School Construction Authority and former NYU vice president for planning & real estate, takes up several essential aspects of public projects-such as construction of schools and hospitals, park reclamation, and so forth-and community support, including: When to start the outreach process to a community affected by a public project; Strategies for building support; Modes of communication and support; What homework is necessary before outreach begins; How to tie public outreach to mandated public review processes; How to anticipate (and respond to) potential community concerns.

P11.4147 – Large Scale Planning , 2 points

Instructor: Slatkin

Tuesday 6:20-8:00 p.m.

Meets May 20-July 8

Prerequisites: P11.1603

Today, as deeply as at any time in its history, New York City is immersed in an active civic and planning discourse about how the city should be shaped.

No two figures loom larger over the city's evolving landscape than Robert Moses and Jane Jacobs. Did Moses' work remake New York City for the modern era, or did it substitute sterile and mechanical solutions for the city's vibrant fabric? Was Jacobs a visionary proponent of a populist, granular urbanism, or an oppositional advocate figure who lacked the broad vision needed to sustain and transform a dynamic metropolis?

This class will not dedicate itself to answering these questions. Rather, this class will focus on redevelopment planning practice in New York City in a post-Moses/Jacobs era: the major issues faced by practitioners today in considering and executing large-scale planning efforts in a complex and growing city, and the lessons practitioners have drawn from the legacies of both Moses and Jacobs. While the class will focus on the public sector role in recent and historical planning efforts, students will also consider approaches to these issues within a broader institutional and social framework.

P11.4418 – When Markets Fail and Consumers Feel the Pain: Should Government Respond?, 2 points

Instructor: Bassetti

Tuesday/Thursday 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Meets May 27, 29, June 3, 5, 10, 12

Prerequisites: None

From global warming to stock market meltdowns to health insurance, public policy debates today often have a key article of faith: the government should only intervene if the market has failed. This

course will provide students a background in the major public policy debates regarding the justifications for the use of government power in reordering market outcomes. And it will analyze the competing ideological approaches to fixing market failures—proscriptive regulations versus market-enabling solutions. It will focus in particular on instances where individuals (consumers) are injured and whether government interventions to help them end up hurting, helping or simply being irrelevant. Potential case studies include: predatory lending and online privacy/spam.

~ other summer courses ~

There are still seats available in this summer's other Urban Planning courses!

P11.2617 – Environmental Law, 4 points

Instructor: Weinberg

Monday-Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm, May 19-23

P11.2625 – Workshop in the Planning and Management of the Urban Waterfront, 4 points

Instructor: Haff

Tuesday, 9:00am – 5:00pm, June 3-July 1

P11.2826 – Application of GIS in Health Care, 4 points

Instructor: Naphtali

Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19

(This Geographic Information Systems course is open to Urban Planning students.)

***** Fall 2008 COURSE INFORMATION *****

~ new courses offered in fall semester ~

P11.2666 -- Water Sourcing and Climate Change, 4 points

Instructor: Iskander

Thursday 6:20 – 8:10 p.m.

Prerequisites: P11.2214

In the coming decades, water will be the central issue in global economic development and health. With one in six people around the world currently lacking access to safe drinking water (1.2 billion people), and more than two out of six lacking adequate sanitation (2.6 billion people), water is already a critical factor affecting the social and economic well-being of a sizable proportion of the world's population. However, with the world's population projected to double in over the next fifty years, and with rapidly dwindling water supplies becoming both more scarce and more volatile as a result of global warming, we are likely to face a water crisis so severe it will reshape everything from our governance structures to our modes of economic and agricultural production to our patterns of social interaction. Water will be the axis around which all public policy revolves.

In light of the centrality of water as a current and future public policy issue, this course explores innovative and sustainable solutions for water harvesting and distribution to address the challenges presented by anthropogenic climate change. The field of water harvesting and delivery has generally considered water supplies to be fairly stable, available to be sourced in the same places. As a result, water infrastructure management has traditionally been concerned with efficient

methods of water sourcing, delivery, and purification, and with effective methods of cost-recovery for those services. In this course, we will step out of this conventional framework and look at water provision from a new vantage point: instead of taking water supplies as a constant, we will look at how water sources are changing as a function of global warming and increased population pressures, and then will ask what implications these shifts are likely to have for water sourcing and water distribution.

~ restricted enrollment ~

P11.2670

Land Use Planning, Housing and Community Development in New York City, 4 points

Instructors: Gerecke /Salama

Wednesday 6:05 – 7:55 pm *Please note this course begins in August 2007!!!*

This course, taught jointly by faculty members of the School of Law and the Wagner School, requires the permission of the instructors. Enrollment is very limited, since this is a seminar.

Please contact Deb Cabrera (debra.cabrera@nyu.edu) for the **Course Application Form** that **must be submitted by April 9, 2008**, for consideration. The most qualified students will be placed into the course on a first-come, first-served basis.

Description:

In this seminar, we will analyze urban distress and federal, state, local and community responses such as initiatives to build housing and commercial projects in low income communities. We will analyze housing/community development policy, real estate financing, subsidies, community participation, land use, environmental review and legal challenges to development. A field trip to Harlem and the South Bronx is planned. Each student will work on a group project on a cutting-edge community development issue. The grade will be based upon class participation, a financial exercise, the group project paper and a presentation.

~ sequencing changes ~

Please note that the following Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation courses will next be offered as indicated:

P11.2610 – Environmental Impact Assessment (Spring 2010)

P11.2612 – Adapting the Physical City: Innovations in Energy, Transportation and Water (Spring 2010)

P11.2615 – Environment & Urban Dynamics (Fall 2008)

P11.2628 – Technology, the Media, and Cities (Spring 2009)

For course descriptions (see “course listings”), course syllabi and course schedules, go to:
<http://wagner.nyu.edu/courses/>

To review your program requirement checksheet go to:
<http://www.wagner.nyu.edu/current/requirements/>