New Jersey Applied Planning Practice – PLAN 31385

**Fall 2019**

**Course Syllabus**

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**course time:** Monday & Wednesday 5:00 - 6:15 pm

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Course Objectives:

New Jersey is one of the most fascinating states when it comes to the way that land planning, development review and approvals and management occurs. This course studies the history, background, techniques, rules and regulations and problems of planning in the Garden State. It provides an overview of some basic planning principles and then focuses in more depth on planning in New Jersey.

The Course will cover the specifics of the local planning board, zoning boards of adjustment, master planning, planning procedures and processes, and zoning ordinances and regulations. The planning topics including affordable housing, regional planning coordination, smart growth and physical design will be addressed.

Students will gain familiarity and a working knowledge of the planning process in New Jersey and the course culminates with a final case study project.

Required Texts:

1. *Complete Guide to Planning in New Jersey,* Fourth Edition, 2018. American Planning Association, New Jersey Chapter.
2. The New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1et.seq. New Jersey Planning Officials. **Copies will be provided**. .

Grading:

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| Tests and Assignments | 30% | Tests will be given during the semester on the lectures and reading assignments. Assignments will count as quizzes. No makeup Tests will be given. |
| Public Meeting | 20% | Attendance at, a written report and an oral presentation of a municipal planning board or zoning board of adjustment meeting |
| Zoning Case Study | 15% | Evaluating a development site |
| Final Project | 15% | Final planning project and presentation  |
| Current events | 20% | Must submit six (6) current event articles related to a planning issue in NJ. The syllabus will indicate due dates for the assignments. |

Attendance: **MANDATORY** - attendance will be taken each class. If you have a perfect attendance record, you will earn 2 points to your final grade. For each absence after two (2) unexcused absences you will lose 1 point from the final grade. In other words, you will begin to be penalized after two absences.

# Tests

* From books 50%
* From lecture 50%

### \*\*\*NO MAKEUP’s FOR MISSED TESTS \*\*\*

Requirements

Public Meeting Report Paper: You will write a paper of approximately 4-7 pages about a local planning board or zoning board meeting. Your paper will provide a summary and analysis of the planning process utilizing the perspectives and knowledge gained throughout the semester. You will present your report to the class.

Zoning Case Study: You will find and evaluate a currently active development site that is located in a NJ municipality. (Note you must be able to get access to the zoning ordinances.) A number of municipalities have their ordinanceS posted on their municipal website or a link to the e-code library website. <http://www.generalcode.com/Webcode2.html#newj> ) or another on-line service

You will analyze and report on what the zoning requires for this site and describe how the project complies (or doesn’t) with the ordinances. You should try and view the permit and plans for that project at the municipal building and see if you can talk to the owner about how the development process was for the project.

Final Project: The course will culminate in a final project in which you will present the zoning case study to the class in a 10-12 minute presentation.

More detailed information about the assignments is available on the course Blackboard site.

Current events: You will be required to research for an interesting issue regarding planning in New Jersey in the newspaper or on the internet. This will be part of your class assignments and you are required to bring in six (6) issues during the semester. You will make an oral presentation to the class regarding the current event that you submit. The specific topics will be announced.

Cell Phones: Cell phones etc. must be turned off during class time. The first offence will be a warning. Each subsequent offence will subtract a point from your participation grade. *[see me ahead of class if there is an emergency situation for which you need to have your cell phone operational].*

Academic Integrity: I have included a link to the University's Academic Integrity Policy and expect that you will be aware of and abide by it. [http://www.rowan.edu/provost/policies/documents/2011\_AcadInteg\_policy.pdf](https://exchange2007-ca-v1.rowan.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=72b01d0d6f5446fcbffe4031b5fbdf52&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.rowan.edu%2fprovost%2fpolicies%2fdocuments%2f2011_AcadInteg_policy.pdf)

New Jersey Applied Planning Practice – PLAN 31385 - **Fall 2019** - Semester Schedule

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| WEEK | DATE | **Reading** | **THEME / DESCRIPTION** | **DUE** |
| **1** | 9/4 | 1st class | Course orientation ; Review of assignment requirements; Legal basis of planning; |  |
| **2** | 9/9 | Blackboard - Course Content  | Overview of planning; Open Public Meetings Act | **1st current event**  |
|  | 9/11 | NJ Planning Ch 1, 2 | County Planning; State planning ActNJ State Development & Redevelopment Plan | **Assignment #1** |
| **3** | 9/16 | NJ Planning Ch 3; MLUL | NJ’s Municipal Land Use Law | **Planning Board Meeting scheduled** |
|  | 9/19 | NJ Planning Ch 3; MLUL | NJ’s Municipal Land Use Law | **2nd current event** |
| **4** | 9/23 | NJ Planning Ch 3 MLUL | NJ’s Municipal Land Use Law **-****Guest Speaker - State Planning** | **Assignment #**2 |
|  | 9/25 | NJ Planning Ch 3; 6 MLUL | NJ’s Municipal Land Use Law; Master Plan Uniform Site Improvement Standards |  |
| **5** | 9/30 | NJ Planning Ch 5 | Affordable Housing in NJ – Fair Housing Act | **3rd current event** |
|  | 10/2 |  | **Test #1** |  |
| **6** | 10/7 | NJ Planning Ch 29, 30, 31 | Meadowlands, Pinelands & Highlands Act  |  |
|  | 10/9 | NJ Planning 10MLUL | Transfer of Development Rights (TDR); non-contiguous cluster | **4th current event** |
| **7** | 10/14 | NJ Planning Ch 15, 16, 17 | Wetlands, Flood Hazard Act, CAFRA and soil erosion |  |
|  | 10/16 | Handout ; NJ Planning Ch 12, 14 | Open Space & Agricultural Preservation – | **Assignment #3** |
| **8** | 10/21 | Ch 11 | Historic Preservation in New Jersey  |  |
|  | 10/23 | NJ Planning Ch 18 | Threatened & Endangered Species  | **Zoning Case Study project selected** |
| **9** | 10/28 | NJ Planning Ch 7 | Introduction to Redevelopment  |  |
|  | 10/30 |  | **Test #2** |  |
| **10** | 11/4 | NJ Planning Ch 7 | Redevelopment Planning | **5th current event** |
|  | 11/6 |  Reports  | Planning Board meeting reports  |  |
| **11** | 11/11 | NJ Planning 13, 22 | Sustainability; Resiliency Planning |  |
|  | 11/13 | NJ Planning Ch 8 | Brownfields Planning  | **DRAFT -Zoning case-study due** |
| **12** | 11/18 | NJ Planning Ch 4 | Board of Professional Planners; AICP | **6th current event**  |
|  | 11/20 | NJ Planning 23,  | Transportation Planning in NJ – Complete Streets  |  |
| **13** | 11/25 | NJ Planning 27 | Water Supply; Wastewater Planning |  |
|  | 11/27 |  | **Test #3** |  |
| **14** | 12/2 |  | Final Projects | **Zoning case-study due** |
|  | 12/4 |  | Final Projects | **Presentations** |
| **15** | 12/9 |  | Final projects | **Presentations** |
|  | 12/11 |  | Reading and Review - No class |  |
| **FINAL** | TBD |  | Final Exam Period - 5:00 to 7:00 PM | **Presentations** |