

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO  
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY  
GEOGRAPHY 3462F – 2013  
LAND USE PLANNING**

**Wednesday, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Room 2333**

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Course Description: The theories and practice of the community planning process in Canada including basic techniques for preparing Official Plans and Zoning By-laws. Prerequisite: Third or fourth year status – half course.

The course content will include an in-depth examination of land use planning principles, techniques and processes including Provincial legislation found in the Ontario Planning Act and its Policy Statement. The course will be conducted in the form of a senior seminar with strong participatory input expected from the students based on assigned readings, attendance at Planning Committee meetings and an in-class mock public meeting techniques assignment. Such input will contribute toward the participation portion of the course mark. In addition to attendance at classes, students will be required to complete the necessary background readings and assignments including a mid-term exam and multiple choice quizzes.

Attendance at a City of London Planning and Environment Committee Meeting and/or City Council Meeting, or other public planning meeting during the fall semester is required. Committee Meetings for the City of London are held in Committee Rooms on the second floor at City Hall, 300 Dufferin Ave. starting at 4:00 p.m. (see information sheet for dates and times). City Council meetings are held on Tuesdays starting at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Students are required to obtain or have continued access to the following texts: The Ontario Planning Act R.S.O. 1990 as amended and Planning Canadian Communities (6th edition) by Gerald Hodge and David Gordon. Readings from these two publications are listed on the course outline. The Hodge text is available at The Book Store; the Planning Act is available on-line. Other pertinent readings may be announced during class. Land Use Planning Made Plain (Second Edition) by Hok-Lin Leung is recommended as supplemental reading and is available at the book store.

Course achievement evaluations will be based on:

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| Class participation | 25% |
| Quizzes (2)         | 15% |
| Mid-term exam       | 20% |
| Final Examination:  | 40% |

## COURSE OUTLINE 2013

- Sept.11      Organization and Structure of the Course  
The Community's Need to Plan – "The Public Interest" Why Plan?  
Readings: Hodge Chap. 1
- Sept. 18      The Beginnings of Today's Cities and Foundations of Community Planning In  
Canada Readings: Hodge Chaps.2 and 3
- Sept. 25      Community Planning in Canada Readings: Hodge Chapters 4 & 5  
Legislative Framework for Land Use Planning – The Ontario Planning Act  
Readings: Planning Act Sections 1-15 & Provincial Policy Statement
- Oct. 2      Steps in the Plan-Making Process  
**Quiz #1**      Readings: Hodge Chap. 6
- Oct. 9      The Official Plan/Community Plan  
Readings: Hodge Chap 9  
Readings: Planning Act Sections 16-27
- Oct. 16      The Formal Steps in Developing an Official Plan/Community Plan  
Readings: Hodge Chap. 14
- Oct. 23      **Mid term Exam (2 hours)**
- Oct. 30      Land Use Controls – Zoning By-Laws, Minor Variances  
Readings: Hodge Chap. 16  
Readings: Planning Act Sections 34, 44 and 45  
Readings: Hodge Chaps. 15 (preparation for mock public meetings)
- Nov. 6      Plans of Subdivision/Condominium, Consent to Sever, Part Lot Control  
**Quiz #2**      Readings: Hodge Chap. 16 Planning Act Sections 50, 51
- Nov 13      Mock Public Meetings – Techniques Class
- Nov. 20      Planning for Regions, Cities and Small Towns in Canada  
Readings: Hodge Chaps 8 and 10
- Nov. 27      Politics of Planning – Linking the Public, Politicians and Planners and  
Future Challenges  
Readings: Hodge Chap. 15 and Epilogue
- Dec.4      Review

### **Final Exam**

## **Geography 3462F - General Information - Student Participation**

Class participation accounts for 25% of the course mark. Attendance, involvement in class discussions, research and presentation of a land use planning article(s) of student's choice, and the mock public meetings techniques class on November 13, 2013 are all important aspects of your participation mark. Students are also required to attend at least one Planning Committee Meeting and/or City Council Meeting, prior to November 13<sup>th</sup>, to contribute toward the participation portion of the course mark. You are required to submit a one page summary of the topics discussed at the meeting(s) you attend including the names of committee/council members in attendance. Summaries shall be typed and submitted to the instructor no later than November 27, 2013.

### **Schedules for City Council Meetings and Planning Committee Meetings**

London City Hall is located at 300 Dufferin Ave. at the corner of Wellington Street and Dufferin Avenue

City of London **Planning and Environment Committee** dates for September through November 2013 are:

**September 24, October 8 and 29, November 12.**

(Start time is 4:00 p.m. in Committee Rooms, Second Floor)

City Council meeting dates are as follows:

**October 1, 22, November 5**

(Start time is 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Second Floor)

\* Please note you can check on times and locations and notices for other meetings on the City of London web page at [www.london.ca](http://www.london.ca)

**\*\*Note** - You may wish to attend similar meetings in your home communities if it is more convenient.

**No** electronic devices will be allowed during tests and examinations.

**Departmental Note:** Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

**Plagiarism Note:** Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf).

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement currently between the University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com  
[http:// www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com)

**Accommodation for Medical Illness:** For work representing less than 10% of the overall course grade the instructor will provide a certain level of flexibility in re-scheduling assignments and tests. For work representing more than 10% of the overall course grade the student is required to provide medical documentation to the Dean's office. Students are directed to <https://studentservices.uwo.ca> for more information.

**Mental Health Website:** If you or someone you know is experiencing distress, there are several resources here at Western to assist you. Please visit the site below for more information on mental health resources:  
<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/>.

**Western's Commitment to Accessibility:** Western is committed to achieving barrier free accessibility for persons studying, visiting and working at Western. Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding accommodation.