



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Tallahassee, Florida 32306-2280

International Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning

Department of Urban and Regional Planning (850) 644-4510

URP5930 Professional Topics in Urban and Regional Planning

Summer 2011

Profesor: Dr. Olmedo J. Varela, Ph.D.

E-mail: ovarela@fsu.edu

Website: www.ojvarela.com

FSU-Panama, City of Knowledge

Office Hours: by appointment

General Description:

The International Program in Urban and Regional Planning (URP-IP) at the Florida State University (FSU) is designed to foster International professional planning opportunities for planning graduate students, instruction in sustainable development and planning issues in developing areas at the graduate level, cross-disciplinary teaching, and collaborative research on planning and development in Central and South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean. URP-IP uses the "Gulf of Mexico Region" as a framework for exploring planning and development issues in the areas of environmental planning, planning for tourism and economic development, sustainable development, housing and infrastructure, urban design and transportation planning. The program is integrated with a PAB-accredited professional Masters of Science in Planning (MSP) offered by FSU and is articulated with, through common course numbering, other PAB accredited professional planning graduate programs in the Florida State University System (FSUS).

URP5930 Professional Topics in Urban and Regional Planning and FSU's international projection

In addition to its instructional activity, the program sponsors professionally-oriented social and cultural events, colloquia, and occasional conferences and round table discussions. The program also works to expand planning research and teaching in Latin American and, seeks to bring Latin American planning scholars and planning professionals to FSU. Overall, the program is intended to foster institutional linkages.



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Grading policies based on individual contributions to fostering institutional linkages related to the program's capstone project: 81+ points = Pass

- Identification of two potential individual or institutional collaborators that will help foster your individual contribution to the project (25 points)
 - • **Due August 1¹.**
- Identification of two locally and/or internationally available grants that will facilitate financial or technical support to foster your individual contribution to the project (25 points)
 - **Due August 3**
- Provide technical advice to community counterpart on the preliminary **process** of filling out application and indentify and share with the client, project's deliverables that could support application (50)
 - **Due August 10**

Colloquia, occasional conferences, and round table discussions

- **Minerva Gomez**, Odebrecth, urban renewal at Curundú
- **Eusebio Mesa**, Community Leader, Boca La Caja
- **Jose Isabel Blandon**, Congressman (political viability of Seeds of Hope strategy)
- **Jeronimo Espitia**, President, Urban Affairs commission, National Association of Engineers and Architects
- **Juan Pablo Porcell**, Metro de Panamá
- **Grace Clark**, Informal Settlement, Ministry of Housing
- **Jaime Alemán**, National Director of Social Capital Investment
- **Wilson Ruiz**, President National Association of Realtors
- **Jose Arcia**, Journalist on urban development and conservation

1 Substantiate your selection and provide detailed information for each potential source of support

2 Provide technical documentation related to the grant, including applications forms and potential applicants.