



Florida State University

**Department of Urban and Regional Planning
International Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Development**

**Summer 2009 (June 24-August 22)
GEO5934: Urbanization Issues in Panama
Professional social and cultural events and the colloquium**

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The International Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning

This eight week program in the Republic of Panama focuses on issues related to development and urbanization in Latin America with a concentration on Urban Planning's response to those phenomena. Seminars are augmented by students' participation in a weekly colloquium and in a professional applied planning project for a Panamanian client.

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).

GEO5934 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, planning professionals, and other urbanists to FSU. Overall, the program is intended to foster institutional linkages.

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 4²**
- Provide technical advise 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 14**

June 26

5:45AM-4:00PM

On the field lecture by urban historian and National Director of Informal Settlements: The history of squatter settlements in Metropolitan Panama: Boca La Caja, El Chorrillo and Curundú.

June 28

12:00M-4:00PM

Culture, history and vision of Boca La Caja by Community leaders and historians.

A cookout with community leaders, community organizations and residents at Boca la Caja Park.

July 2

2:00PM-4:00PM

Statistics available in Panama for urban and regional planning

Magister Dimas Quiel, Director, Directorate of Statistics and Census, Republic of Panama
Directorate of Statistics and Census, 3rd floor.

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.

July 3

7:30-9:00PM

Sharing recent history and Boca La Caja's struggles to built its future

José Arcia, Journalist, Corporación La Prensa

City of Knowledge, Room 106

July 4

10:00-12:00M

Public policy and programs related to informal settlements in Panama

Architect and historian Fausto Palacios, Director, National Directorate of Informal Settlements,
Ministry of Housing

Ministry of Housing, Plaza Edison, Dirección Nacional de Asentamientos Informales.

July 7

Excursion to rural non- indigenous communities at the Rural Province of Coclé:

Rural poverty and the rural-urban continuum

2:00-5:00 Boca La Caja's community leader Dionisio Martínez

Pajonal Community

July 15

2:00PM-3:30PM

Developers' policies and decision making in real estates business: the case of Boca La Caja

National Association of Realtors

City of Knowledge, Room 106

July 22-24

Comarca Kuna Yala: Excursion to rural-indigenous communities: Exploring the rural-urban continuum, and the ethnic dimensions of cultural diversity in Panama.

July 29

2:00PM-3:30:00PM

Urban and regional planning in the Republic of Panama: current development and challenges.

S.E. Carlos Dumois, Minister of Housing

City of Knowledge, Room 106

August 5

Excursion to the Archipelago of Bocas del Toro

2:00-4:00 City Hall's perspective on the Local Agenda 21 for sustainable tourism

City Hall, Isla Colón

August 12

2:00PM-3:30PM

Informal Settlements in the Republic of Panama's 2009-2014 National Strategy on Sustainable Development

Director, National Directorate of Informal Settlements

Room 106