Physical Design in the Planning Curriculum: RETURN OF A NEW STUDIO

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MEPD
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New Studios & Social Sciences

Traditional Studios

Practitioner as Instructor

PhD

60's 70's 80's 90's 00's 10's

Executive Director
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Dean
CED

Program Coordinator
MEPD

Planner – Physical Designer

Planners in Broader Professions

OBSERVATIONS
Knowledge

Planning Elements

Expansion of Knowledge

Technology

Complexity

Planning

Physical Setting & Design

Safety from hazards

Military

Storage

Trade

ETC

Social Science

Infrastructure

Transportation

ETC

Economics

ETC

Political Science

Environmental Regs

Sustainability

CONUNDRUM
ISSUES IN

PLANNING

SCIENCE

Earlier
Planning Elements

Knowledge Growth

Contemporary
Planning Elements

General Planning and Design

Architecture

Engineering

Landscape Architecture

Physical

Mech.

Elec.

Social Sci, Policy

Civil, etc.
PORTS OF
• SAVANNAH
• BRUNSWICK

RAIL
• FREIGHT
• COMMUTER
• MARTA (HEAVY)
• BELTLINE (LIGHT)
• AIRPORT SYSTEMS
• ATHENS CAMPUS

ATLANTA METRO REGION
ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
ATHENS UGA
MAJOR HIGHWAY SYSTEM

BIG GEOGRAPHY
CERTIFICATES

• Historic Preservation
• Cultural Landscape Preservation
• Conservation Ecology and Sustainable Development,
• Water Resources
• Geographic Information Systems
• Food Systems Planning

PROGRAM SETTING

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

ARMS & SCIENCES

LAND GRANT

SEA GRANT

PhD Plan, Pres, Design
B. Landscape Arch
M. Landscape Arch
M. Historic Preservation
M. Env. Plan. & Design

Env. Ethics Certificate
Urban Outreach Prog.

“Flagship” Research

Fanning Inst.
Vinson Inst. of Gov.
Marine Inst.
Agric. Extension.
Small Business Develop.

Archway Part.
Incoming Planning Class arrives a week before the Semester begins (1 credit hour)

- General Planning Readings in Advance of Arrival
- Faculty Presentations
- Three Field Trip Days to exemplary Atlanta Metropolitan Developments
  - Rural Village and Suburban
  - Middle and High Density Urban
  - Day in Rail Transportation
- Faculty Student Socials
SEMESTER ONE

Basic Core Learning

STUDIO: “COMMUNITY OF INQUIRY”

City Planning
Landscape Ecology
Planning & Design Studio 1
Representations Studio & Lab
Regional Scale
Options

1. Maymester
2. Summer Term 1
3. Summer Term 2

Internship
Studies & Studios Abroad
Directed Studies/ Research
Thesis/Practicum Research
Campus Electives
- In program
- Outside program

Intersession Period
“…Practice is best learned by Practicing.”
Freestone, Thompson and Williams (2006)
NEW

“STUDIOISM”

- SYNTHESIS
- TEAMWORK
- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN APPROACH
- INTRODUCTION TO THE FIELD
- PROFESSIONAL SOCIALIZATION
- IN DEPTH PROBLEM SOLVING
- REAL WORLD APPS
- FIELD EXPERIENCE

The PLACE for a community inquiry

Extension of contact
Technology Expansion

Graphic
Oral
Communication
Written
STUDIO SETTING

THE “PLACE” FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF INQUIRITY
STUDIO SETTING

“THE BEGINNING...”

THE “PLACE” FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF INQUIRITY