INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

Planning Abroad 2017 (URP 5958/4930) is an elective course for all degree programs in the School of Urban and Regional Planning and elsewhere. In spring 2017, the course is focused on the topic of Vancouverism and EcoDensity and includes travel abroad to Vancouver, British Columbia to complete field work. Please see separate document on expected travel costs.

General Background

The School of Urban and Regional Planning has conducted Planning Abroad experiences since spring 2003 (see: http://www.fau.edu/surp/programs/planning-abroad.php). SURP faculty and students have visited cities, governments, and universities in Austria, Brazil, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Turkey and Vancouver. These experiences have been carried out as general or topical study tours or as exchange programs with other universities. Some of these experiences have resulted in student/faculty publication or presentation of papers at academic and/or professional conferences.

General Objectives

The general objective of SURP’s Planning Abroad course (and experience) is to allow the opportunity for students to participate in a topical course that also includes travel abroad, learning how urban planning is accomplished elsewhere in the world. Upon returning to the United States, the students will be able to apply these international concepts to a local urban planning situation. Thus, the course combines regular academic coursework and experiences within a different environment. The course, as an elective, addresses the “elective” component of the MURP/BURP/BUD programs, and also the Planning Accreditation Board curriculum criteria that stress the need to understand global perspectives but also those that relate to involvement with a variety of stakeholders.
APPROACH

In spring 2017, Planning Abroad is on the topic Vancouverism and EcoDensity. “Vancouverism” is an internationally known term that describes a new kind of city living. Vancouverism combines deep respect for nature with enthusiasm for busy, engaging, active streets and dynamic urban life. Vancouverism means tall slim towers for density, widely separated by low-rise buildings, for light, air, and views. It means many parks, walkable streets, and public spaces, combined with an emphasis on sustainable forms of transit. In 2006, Vancouver Mayor Sam Sullivan introduced the term “EcoDensity.” EcoDensity started with a challenging, but healthy, city-wide public dialogue about strategic, green densification across every neighborhood. EcoDensity has transformed planning and design in Vancouver around smart, strategic densification (i.e., along transit, in centres, and along corridors). No wonder city planners and urban designers come to Vancouver from around the world to find inspiration for re-imagining their inner cities, and look for more sustainable ways to live healthy and sociable lives. However, we will also explore one of the poorest areas of Vancouver- Hastings Crossing Business Improvement Area (BIA)- to learn how world-class cities need to also address social and economic challenges.

The course includes both regular academic work learning about the applicable planning topics and getting ready for travel abroad and within our community, and field work in Vancouver. The classroom work and field work is followed by academic reflection and the preparation of a group project report and an individual paper.

The approach and deliverables include five elements: (1) to become familiar with the concepts and ideas of Vancouverism and EcoDensity through the initial readings and classroom work, (2) to prepare a template for the field work in Vancouver using these concepts, (3) to conduct field work in both Vancouver, (4) to work on a group project (and deliver a PowerPoint Presentation to the class) applying the lessons learned from the Vancouver field work, and (5) to prepare a final paper reflecting upon what you learned in this course.

General Outline of Course

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<td>Reflection/Prepare for Travel Abroad</td>
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<td>Travel to Vancouver/Complete Field Work (Mar 3 to Mar 8)</td>
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(**FAU classroom in Boca)

Illustrative Travel Schedule to Vancouver, B.C. (detailed itinerary attached)
COURSE MATERIALS

There are several local government plans you must download/read for this course as follows:

- The City of Vancouver West End Community Plan (adopted 11/20/2013).

There are several websites to review for this course as follows:

- The City of Vancouver Planning Department

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Be aware of FAU OIP policies regarding expectations and appropriate behavior while travelling.

Grading Policies
Grades will be based on:

- **Preparation** 10%
  - Commitment
  - Timely Payment of Travel Arrangements

- **Leadership and Enthusiasm in All Activities (Boca)** 25%
  - Evidence of Preparation of Reading Materials
  - All classroom time is mandatory

- **Leadership and Enthusiasm in All Activities (Vancouver)** 25%
  - Availability and Participation in all Social Functions
  - Availability and Participation in all Academic Functions
  - Timeliness is paramount
  - Preparation of Group Picture Collection from Field Work

- **Post-Trip Academic Reflection (Boca)** 40%
  - Availability and Participation in all Academic Functions
  - Preparation of Group PowerPoint Presentation
  - Preparation of Individual Paper

Final grades are computed on the following (standard) grading scale:

- A → greater than 95%
- A- → between 90 and 94.9%
- B+ → between 86.67 and 89.99%
- B → between 83.33 and 86.66%
- B- → between 80 and 83.32%
- C+ → between 76.67 and 79.99%
- C → between 73.33 and 76.66%
- C- → between 70 and 73.32%
- D+ → between 66.67 and 70%
- D → between 63.33 and 66.66%
- D- → between 60 and 63.32%
- F → below 60%
OTHER COURSE NOTIFICATIONS

Classroom Etiquette
Participants are expected to be on time and stay for the entire class period. In accordance with university policy, “in order to enhance and maintain a productive atmosphere for education, personal communication devices, such as cellular phones and pagers, are to be disabled in class sessions”.

Disability Policy Statement
In compliance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), students who require special accommodation due to a disability to properly execute course work must register with the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and follow all OSD procedures.

Code of Academic Integrity Policy Statement
Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it interferes with the University mission to provide a high quality education in which no student enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Academic dishonesty is also destructive of the University community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility. Harsh penalties are associated with academic dishonesty. For more information, see the Code of Academic Integrity in the University Regulations at: http://www.fau.edu/regulations/chapter4/4.001_Code_of_Academic_Integrity.pdf

Course Evaluation
Evaluations of this course will be through formal SPOT questionnaires.
ITINERARY TO VANCOUVER, B.C. – 2017 (subject to change based on weather conditions)

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<td><strong>Instructor’s Flight: United #2017 Departs Fort Lauderdale 8:00am Arrives Denver 10:34am</strong></td>
<td><strong>Field Work in Yaletown and Downtown</strong></td>
<td><strong>Field Work on Granville Street and Downtown</strong></td>
<td><strong>Visit Gastown Clock</strong></td>
<td><strong>Visit Stanley Park (walk along the seawall)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Check-out of Hotel at 7:30am/Take SkyTrain to Vancouver Airport</strong></td>
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<td><strong>United #323 Departs Denver 11:57am Arrives Vancouver 1:59pm</strong></td>
<td><strong>Admission to Vancouver Lookout</strong></td>
<td><strong>SeaBus to North Vancouver</strong></td>
<td><strong>Field Work in Hastings Crossing Business Improvement Area w/ Guest Lecture from Landon Hoyt (FAU graduate)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Field Work in West End Neighborhoods</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Travel to Downtown Vancouver via SkyTrain</strong></td>
<td><strong>Admission to Fly Over Canada</strong></td>
<td><em><em>Admission to Grouse Mountain Lunch</em>”</em>*</td>
<td><strong>Dim Sum Group Lunch at Floata Restaurant in Chinatown</strong></td>
<td><em><em>Open Time to Explore and Shop on Your Own</em>” Lunch</em>”**</td>
<td><em><em>Dinner</em>” United #1419 Departs Chicago 7:35pm Arrives in Fort Lauderdale 11:45pm</em>*</td>
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<td><strong>Check into Best Western Plus Chateau Granville</strong></td>
<td><strong>Walk to/along English Bay</strong></td>
<td><strong>Field Work on Northeast False Creek with Landon Hoyt</strong></td>
<td><strong>Admission to Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden</strong></td>
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All mandatory attendance below are included in Program Fee:
- 5 night hotel lodging
- 5 group breakfast meals at hotel (March 4th thru 8th)
- 2 group lunches (March 4th and 6th)
- 2 group dinners (March 3rd and 7th)
- 5 group admissions/excursions: (1) Vancouver Lookout; (2) Fly Over Canada; (3) Capilano Suspension Bridge; (4) Grouse Mountain; and (5) Chinese Garden
- All Field Work and Guest Lectures

All Local Ground Transportation (including getting from your home to the selected Florida airport and parking, and getting back home; together with SkyTrain, SeaBus, subways, buses, ferries in Vancouver- estimated at approximately $75.00) is not included in the Program Fee. Meals and other items referenced above with an asterisk (*), and all personal expenses, are not included in the Program Fee.

Airfare from Florida to Vancouver is not included in the Program Fee. Students can purchase a flight on their own with whichever airline they choose, but must arrive in Vancouver by Friday, March 3rd in time for the Welcome Group Dinner at 7:00pm. The Instructor’s Flight is shown above for illustrative purposes only. Once a student applies for and is accepted to the Study Abroad Program, and after a sufficient number of other students also are accepted, then all students will be provided with the option to purchase their flight as part of the United Airlines Group shown above- estimated at $400.00.