

Land Use Planning Law - Spring Semester 2008
Professor Whitman

The casebook for the course is Callies, Freilich & Roberts, Land Use (4th ed. 2004)

ASSIGNMENTS

Chapter 1, Setting the Stage	1-18
Chapter 2, Zoning Administration	19-185
Chapter 3, Subdivisions	186-282
Chapter 4, Constitutional Limits	283-419
(omit 419-462)	
Chapter 5 (if we get this far), Critical Issues	
Consistency with the comprehensive plan	463-476
Inclusionary zoning	559-568
Discriminatory zoning	578-585

Attendance at public hearing: You must attend at least one public hearing which deals with a land use issue, conducted by a public body, and must give a brief report (about 5 minutes) to the class on your observations of the hearing. Attendance must be in person, not by TV viewing. If you are able to obtain maps, architectural renderings, or other material from the parties at the hearing, you can make transparencies from them that will improve your class presentation. Digital photos of the site or project are also helpful; I will be happy to take care of preparing them for presentation to the class.

Joint presentations (e.g., two or three students working together) are encouraged. Please don't wait until the last week or two of class to attend your hearing and give your report.

Class Attendance Policy: Each student is permitted eight (8) absences without penalty. For each day of absence beyond eight, one point will be deducted from the student's

final grade. A student who misses more than 16 classes will be given a failing grade for the course. No excuses will be granted for routine illnesses, travel, law school activities, job interviews, family matters, or the like. I may, in my discretion, grant an excuse for the entire class in the event of a day of unusually severe weather.

Class Attendance and Class Roll: I would strongly counsel you save your "free" cuts for genuine personal exigencies. Everyone can have an occasional day of illness, a car that won't start, or a child care provider who is unable to work on a given day. If you use your "free" cuts casually, they won't be available for such real needs.

Attendance will be taken by initialing a roll sheet to be passed around the classroom during each class. You must sign personally to be counted present. I caution you that this is a very serious matter. Any student who signs another's name, or who asks another

student to sign his or her name, will be violating the honor code. It is not a minor violation, and it will be dealt with accordingly. It would be a tragedy for any student to mar his or her law school record with such a violation.

Needs for Special Accommodation: If you have emergency medical information that might be significant in the context of the class, or if you might need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please let me know immediately by visiting me after class or in my office.

If you need academic accommodations (such as assistance taking notes or examinations), you should register with Disability Resources (a function of the UF Dean of Students Office and the Division of Student Affairs). Disability Resources is located in Reid Hall. This is the campus office responsible for reviewing documentation provided by students requesting academic accommodations, and for providing such accommodations as may be needed in meeting course requirements, in cooperation with instructors. For other UF resources for students with disabilities, send an email to accessuf@dso.ufl.edu/drc.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is fundamental to the activities and principles of the School of Law. All members of the law school community must be confident that each person's work has been responsibly and honorably acquired, developed, and presented. Any effort to gain an advantage not given to all students is dishonest whether or not the effort is successful. The law school community regards breaches of the College of Law's Honor Code as extremely serious matters. Sanctions for such a breach may include academic sanctions from the

instructor, including failing the course for any violation, to disciplinary sanctions ranging from probation to expulsion. When in doubt about plagiarism, paraphrasing, quoting, collaboration, or any other form of cheating, consult the course instructor.

Administrative Matters: My office is in Room 376, and my phone is 30962. I'm usually happy to see you without an appointment, and my door is usually open. If I'm very busy with something that must be completed quickly, I'll ask you to come back later. I teach another class from 2:00 to 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday, so I'm not available during those times.

Reading assignments. To keep up with class discussion, you should plan to read about 15 pages beyond our quitting point in the preceding class. There are two "hornbooks" for the course. They are both excellent, but I don't think you need to purchase one; they are available free in the law library. They are Jurgensmeyer & Roberts, *Land Use Planning & Control Law* (2d ed. 2007) and Daniel Mandelker, *Land Use Law* (5th ed. 2003).

Examination.

There will be a three-hour exam (about half essay and half multiple-choice questions) at the end of the course. You will have the option of taking the essay portion of the exam by using a laptop computer.