### RURAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (RPD)

**RPD*6030  International Rural Development Planning: Principles and Practices Unspecified [0.50]**
This course presents the scope and nature of international development planning and alternative roles for development planners; has a rural emphasis; reviews the evolution of development planning from macroeconomic beginnings to more integrated local planning approaches; examines the development planning process and its organizational and spatial dimensions; compares policy, program, project, sectoral and integrated area planning; and compares rural development planning in market, mixed and state-driven societies.

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**RPD*6050  Professional Practice in Development and Planning Unspecified [0.50]**
This course offers a planned but flexible program for developing skills that are relevant to professional practice in the rural planning and development field. It also fills the skill knowledge gaps for students who cannot take full courses. Students, in consultation with their Academic Advisor, assess their knowledge and skills need and acquire them through selected ‘modules’.

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**RPD*6070  Project Development: Principles, Procedures, and Selected Methods Methods Unspecified [0.50]**
This course introduces students to the principles, procedures and methods in developing a project. It examines the project cycle: identification, preparation, appraisal, implementation/supervision, monitoring and evaluation. It gives an understanding of the major methods involved and teaches selected methods. The focus is on the international, rural context and on small non-farm projects: small industries, small physical infrastructure and social projects.

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**RPD*6080  Environment and Development: Biophysical Resources and Sustainable Development in Rural Environments Unspecified [0.50]**
This course will examine the problems and potential for ecologically sustainable development in the context of rural development planning particularly in the Third World environments. The course critically examines the strategic planning approaches and methods which involve the interaction between social systems and natural ecosystems in the context of planned intervention and change in rural environments.

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**RPD*6170  Rural Research Methods Unspecified [0.50]**
The course provides rural planning and development professionals with a number of theoretical frameworks and practical approaches to problem solving in rural Canadian and international contexts. The course content provides an introduction to hypothesis development, data collection, analytical frameworks, research management, and information synthesis and presentation methodologies that are appropriate to the practicing rural planner and developer. It views the roles of the researcher and research as interventionist and intervention in the rural community. Research methods are discussed as an integral and supporting part of the planning and development process.

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**RPD*6220  Planning and Development Policy Analysis Unspecified [0.50]**
Planning and development policy has experienced a significant evolution. This course examines the history of policy, and the theory, methods and processes of policy development and governance in planning and management of environment and resources.

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**RPD*6240  Planning and Development Theory Unspecified [0.50]**
Examines basic concepts, theories and perspectives in rural planning and development. A conceptual examination of ‘rural’, ‘planning’ and ‘development’ precedes an examination of how rural planning and development is viewed from alternative, often conflicting theories of rural change and planned intervention. The implications for practice are discussed.

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**RPD*6250  Foundations in Rural Planning Practice Fall Only [0.50]**
This course provides an introduction to rural planning practice. This includes: i) Concepts in Public Administration - The structure, responsibility and functions of public sector administration and government. ii) The workings of local government. iii) Rural Planning Practice - An introduction to planning and development in rural regions and small municipalities.

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**RPD*6260  Land Use Planning Law Unspecified [0.50]**
An introduction to the legal tools used to regulate the use of land and other resources. Zoning, subdivision controls, development control, land banking, expropriation, planning appeals, official maps, etc. An intensive study of the Ontario Planning Act and related legislation.

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**RPD*6280  Advanced Planning Practice Winter Only [0.50]**
This course explores current issues, techniques, legislation and processes that are relevant to rural planning practice. A number of specific municipal (local and regional) rural planning examples will be presented. Comparisons between different jurisdictions will be reviewed. Students will be engaged in project-based learning.

**Prerequisite(s):** RPD*6250  
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RPD*6290  Special Topics in Rural Planning and Development  Unspecified  [0.50]
Selected study topics focus on the nature of rural planning and development issues and/or practices in Canadian and/or International small communities and rural environments. Among the topics which may be addressed are: rural land use planning, ecological restoration, gender analysis in development planning, GIS in agricultural development, micro-credit, physical/site planning and design, project management.
Restriction(s): Instructor’s consent required.
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RPD*6291  Rural Development Administration  Unspecified  [0.50]
This course explores the administration of rural development by considering the main organizational types delivering rural programs. The structure and behaviour of these organizations, their interactions, and their respective sectors will be considered. Students will also be introduced to administrative planning tools.
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RPD*6310  Environmental Impact Assessment  Unspecified  [0.50]
This course deals with the role of environmental impact assessments and statements in the planning, development and operation of resource projects. Topics discussed include the philosophical and institutional basis for environmental impact assessments, methods used and the effects of such assessments on resource development projects.
Restriction(s): Restricted to Landscape Architecture, Capacity Development & Extension, Rural Planning and Rural Studies students.
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RPD*6320  Water Resource Management  Unspecified  [0.50]
The course provides an assessment of the processes and principles which underlie comprehensive water resource planning and integrated basin management. It also undertakes to evaluate current practice in the context of integrated planning. There is extensive use of Canadian and international practice.
Restriction(s): Restricted to Landscape Architecture, Capacity Development & Extension, Rural Planning and Rural Studies students.
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RPD*6350  Major Research Paper  Unspecified  [1.00]
Students not pursuing the thesis route must satisfactorily complete a Major Research Paper. The paper will be supervised by a faculty committee. Content of the paper will generally focus on the placement of a problem in rural planning and development practice using appropriate methodological and analytical procedures. Note: This is a one semester course and must be completed in the semester of registration.
Restriction(s): Restricted to Rural Planning Development course-work/ MRP students.
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RPD*6370  Economic Development Planning and Management for Rural Communities  Unspecified  [0.50]
Theories and perspectives of local economic development, particularly community-based planning for rural economic development. Economic development within a community development framework, and challenges of sustainable development. Interdisciplinary perspectives and alternative approaches to professional planning practice, strategic planning, management and organizational design/development issues. Alternative economic concepts and perspectives are critically examined. Includes international case studies.
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RPD*6380  Application of Quantitative Techniques in Rural Planning and Development  Unspecified  [0.50]
Analysis and application of standard quantitative, statistical and computer-based techniques utilized in rural planning and development. Problems of data collection, analysis and interpretation.
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RPD*6390  Rural Social Planning  Unspecified  [0.50]
This course will provide students who have an interest in social development with an avenue for linking that interest to the policy, planning and intervention process.
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RPD*6410  Readings in Rural Planning Development  Unspecified  [0.50]
A program of supervised independent study related to the student’s area of concentration. Nature and content of the readings course are agreed upon between the student and the instructor, and are subject to the approval of the student’s advisory committee and graduate committee.
Restriction(s): Instructor’s consent required.
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RPD*6450  Recreation and Tourism Planning and Development  Unspecified  [0.50]
This course is intended to instruct the student in the principles of planning for recreation and tourism development. Emphasis is placed on the economic and social benefits and costs that accrue from tourism and recreation development. Planning principles are applied to this context.
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