**Review of Course Syllabi**

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| **Core Courses** | **Course objectives and expectations** | **Expected learning outcomes as addressed in assessment procedure in the syllabus** | **Comments from the instructor** |
| URP 3000 Planning Growth and Management  Fall 1 | Clear explanation | Writing Skills (academic and professional style of writing)  Critical Thinking Skills  Oral communication Skills | Mandatory course in the beginning of the program |
| URP 4011 Planning Methods  Fall 1 | Clear explanation | Research Skills  Critical Thinking (analytical Skills)  Writing Skill  Technical Skills | The current instructor suggested to change in directions of previous course contents from social science research towards more practical planning research and methods. |
| URP 4055 City Structure and Change  Fall 1 | Clear explanation | Writing Skills  Critical thinking Skills  Oral communication Skills | Due to the increase in number of the students' enrolment, the instructor redesigned the courses contents and the methods of assessments. |
| URP 4730 Capital Facilities  Spring 1 | Clear explanation | Writing Skills  Critical thinking Skills  (policy analysis, quantitative reasoning ) | Use real life examples |
| URP 4343 Plan Making and Design  Spring 1 | Clear explanation | Writing Skills  Critical thinking Skills  Oral communication Skills  Research Skills  Design Skills  Visual and Graphic Communication Skills | Should take URP 4254 Intro. to Visual Planning Technologies before this class. |
| URP 4920 Planning Design Studio  Fall 2 | Clear explanation | Writing Skills  Visual and graphic communication Skills  Design Skills  Critical Thinking (analytical Skills) | Should take URP 4254 Intro. to Visual Planning Technologies before this class. |
| PAD 4223 Public Budgeting  Fall 2 | Clear explanation | Writing Skills  Critical thinking Skills (quantitative reasoning) |  |
| URP 4870 Site Planning  Fall 2 | Clear explanation | Writing Skills  Critical thinking Skills  Oral communication Skills  Research Skills  Design Skills  Visual and Graphic Communication Skills  Critical Thinking (analytical Skills) | Should take URP 4254 Intro. to Visual Planning Technologies before this class. |
| URP 4120 Planning Implementation Strategies  Spring 2 | Clear explanation | Writing Skills  Critical thinking Skills  Oral communication Skills |  |
| URP 4403 Sustainable Cities  Spring 2 | Need clarifications of course objectives | Oral communication Skills  Writing Skills  Critical thinking Skills | The instructor indicated that many students lack of understanding in terms of administrative structure of the American Governmental system such as Federal -State relationships, and funding sources in relation to planning activities.  The instructor put the combination of design and planning in the course.  Improve the writing lab as the students experience difficulties to write complex issues analytically. |
| URP 4979 Planning Project  Spring 2 | Clear explanation | Writing Skills  Critical thinking Skills  Oral communication Skills  Research Skills  Design Skills  Visual and Graphic Communication Skills  Technical Skills | It is suggested that URP 4979 Planning Project are capstone courses appropriate for students after they have completed nearly all of the URP core course work and achieved senior status. |
| URP 4254 Intro. to Visual Planning Technologies  Any semester | Need clarifications of course objectives | Visual and Graphic Communication Skills  Oral presentation Skills  Computer literacy | The instructor redesigned this course as communication for planners. It is recommended to be studied at the beginning of the program for example before taking courses that require graphic communication skills like Plan-making and design, Site Planning, Planning Design Studio, and Planning project. |
| URP 4945 Planning Practice (Includes internship experience)  Any semester | Need clarifications of course objectives | Applications of knowledge |  |

**Table 8:** Results from the Review of the 13 Core Course Syllabi