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URP 5749 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS

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Course Description

This purpose of this course is to advance student knowledge about the interconnectedness that constitutes community development through readings, class discussions, guest presenters and field study. The focus will be on conveying a broad understanding of the structure and context in which community development occurs in an urban and regional setting. The investigation of this dynamic will involve field study of community development levels and sectors in Tallahassee.

Course Objectives

1. To provide an understanding of the structure of community development in the USA
2. To foster greater knowledge of the roles and responsibilities among the levels and sectors within the system both nationally and regionally
3. To develop a profile of Tallahassee's community development system

Required Materials

1. Herbert J. Rubin, *Renewing Hope within Neighborhoods of Despair: The Community-based Development Model*, 2000, State University of New York Press, paperback ISBN 0-07914-4554-2
2. Other readings may be assigned or recommended during the semester.