

**PLS 423-003                      Crime and the Built Environment**  
**Spring 2010                      3.0 Credits**  
**SYLLABUS**

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**I.       Required and recommended Texts**

There are no required texts. All readings will be provided to students in PDF format as needed.

**II.       Course Objectives**

The purpose of this class is to provide an overview of how the built environment impacts crime patterns and how crime prevention focused on the built environment can help reduce criminal victimization. Major course topics include an overview of urban planning, crime prevention theories, crime prevention programs relating to urban planning, and major issues with regards to crime and the built environment. In addition to theoretical and research discussions, students will conduct numerous hands on crime prevention assessments and develop plan reviews for development projects.

**Alternative Behavioral Objectives:** Primarily in writing assignments throughout the course, students will be able to demonstrate:

1. Knowledge of vocabulary words related to urban planning, built environment, and crime prevention.
2. Knowledge of the different major issues with regards to crime and the built environment, crime prevention and sustainability.
3. Knowledge of urban planning, basic processes, and major tenets and how it relates to crime and the built environment.
4. Knowledge of theories associated with crime prevention and the built environment.
5. Knowledge of research findings associated with major aspects of crime and the built environment.
6. Knowledge of major crime prevention programs in the U.S. and Internationally.
7. Knowledge of how to conduct neighborhood impact assessments, analyze community context, and develop plan reviews relating to development projects.

### III. Course Grade

A student's course grade will be comprised of five parts.

Exam I:	20%
Exam II:	20%
Exam III	20%
In-class Assignments	20%
Development Plan review	20%
Total	100%

**Make-up exams are given only in the most extreme cases and are given in essay form at the end of the semester.**

### IV. Academic Dishonesty Statement

The University expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. Academic dishonesty includes cheating on tests as well as parallelism and plagiarism. **Any student in violation of this policy will automatically fail this course. DO YOUR OWN WORK AND DO NOT CHEAT.**

### V. Disabled Student Policy

1. If you are registered with the Office of Services for Individuals with Disabilities, please make an appointment with the course instructor to discuss any academic accommodations you need. If you need academic accommodations and are not registered with the Office of Services for Individuals with Disabilities, please contact the office on the third floor of the Student Services Building, by email at [disabilities@eku.edu](mailto:disabilities@eku.edu) or by telephone at (859) 622-2933 V/TDD. Upon individual request, this syllabus can be made available in alternative forms.

### VI. Class Attendance

Class attendance is **NOT** mandatory. **HOWEVER**, 20% of your grade is composed of class participation, which is earned through group projects and in-class assignments. Thus, if you attend every lecture **AND** participate in all the in-class and out of class assignments you will earn 100% on your class participation grade. **HOWEVER**, if you do not attend all lectures and you miss classes in which there are in-class assignments it **MAY HURT YOUR GRADE SEVERELY**. Bottom line, skipping classes could cost you a letter grade or two on your final grade even if you do very well on the rest of the class.

## VII. Lecture Schedule

***THE DATES IN THIS SCHEDULE ARE APPROXIMATIONS AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES AS MADE BY THE PROFESSOR.***

### **January 11: Introduction to Class**

### **January 13-Januray 20: Section 1: What is the Built Environment and why does it matter to Crime?**

**Topics:** Provides an overview of basic crime patterns, major issues in the built environment, and issues of crime and sustainability.

### **January 22 -February 19: Section 2: Basics of Urban Planning**

**Topics:** Provides an overview of urban planning, its basic processes and techniques and its importance to crime patterns and crime prevention.

### **February 22-March 3: Section 3: Theories of Crime Prevention**

**Topics:** Provides an in-depth discussion of the various different theories associated with crime prevention.

### **March 3, EXAM I: COVERS SECTIONS 1-3**

### **March 15-April 2: Section 4: Crime and Built Environment Research**

**Topics:** This section provides an overview of the research findings relating to all major aspects of urban planning and the built environment. Topics include: access and mobility, site design, surveillance, lighting, ownership, physical protection, activity, and maintenance and management.

### **April 5-April 16: Section 5: Crime Prevention Programs**

**Topics:** Provides an in-depth discussion of major crime prevention programs relating to the built environment and urban planning as well as the tools used in these programs.

### **EXAM II: COVERS ONLY SECTIONS 4 & 5**

### **April 19-April 30: Section 6: Major Issues in Crime and the Built Environment**

**Topics:** This section provides and in-depth discussion of major issues related to crime and the built environment. Issues to be discussed include: public housing, de-concentrating poverty, new urbanism, sprawl, NIMBYism, and foreclosures and crime.

### **FINAL EXAM: Wednesday May 5 @ 10:30-12:30 COVERS ONLY SECTION 6**