LAND 4720 is designed to be taken after satisfactory completion of all other required courses designated by the LAND or EDES prefix, or concurrently in the student's final two semesters. Courses excluded from this are LAND 4251, LAND 4710 and LAND 4900. Courses outside the school may be taken with or after completion of LAND 4720.

Course Description:

Preparation of proposal for Senior Project (LAND 4900). Includes preliminary research, schedule, methodology outline and development of goals, objectives of project selected and selecting faculty advisor for LAND 4900, Senior Project course.

Objectives:

Knowledge:

Each student will exit this course with the understanding of the components, procedures and methodologies necessary to complete a comprehensive design or research project.

Skills:

An ability to work independently itemizing and organizing the necessary components so that the preliminary research, a project schedule, the necessary methodology outline and the development of appropriate goals and objectives are developed and submitted in the form of a written report.

This “off cycle” LAND 4720 class will be conducted as an independent study class. Students will meet with Professor Weinberg on an individual basis. The course will be divided up into four phases.

Phase 1-Review of past senior projects. This includes a one page synopsis of each of five different terminal projects that were completed since the year 2000.

Phase 2-Submission of your idea about what type of terminal project you will be interested in doing. The second part of Phase 2 is the write up of your proposal. This should be completed sometime before Spring break.
During Spring break these submissions will be reviewed, approved or disapproved and revisions will be required of any projects not fully approved.

**Phase 3**-The gathering and submission of location and project base maps that include topography for the site you have chosen.

**Phase 4**-This is perhaps the easiest part of the course. I will provide you with a faculty participation sheet that your selected faculty member must sign, as they agree to work with you during the summer. The following faculty will be available to you to choose from during the summer semester 2009:

- Dean Nadenicek
- Professor Nichols
- Professor Coyle
- Professor Waters
- Professor Davis

**Grading Policy**

Each phase will be worth 25% of your total grade. If you turn in your materials on time and make corrections as suggested, I cannot imagine anyone not receiving an outstanding grade for their participation in this class.

Final Submission will be your completed proposal which I will turn over to the faculty member that you have selected to work with for your final project.

Please be sure to provide me with your e-mail and cell phone numbers before you leave our first meeting.