LAND 4720, Senior Project Proposal  
Syllabus, Fall 2009

Instructor  
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Course description  
Preparation of proposal for Senior Project (LAND 4900). This is a one-credit course.

Course objectives  
The terminal project (LAND 4900) is “a comprehensive design or research project in which the student is able to demonstrate the proficiency acquired in the professional program of study”. Therefore the objectives of LAND 4720 are:  
• understanding of the components necessary to complete a comprehensive landscape architectural project, and  
• ability to work independently developing and organizing the necessary components, so a proposal can be submitted in the form of a written report.

Class resources  
All class handouts and lecture files will be posted at the following off-campus web site:  
• http://web.me.com/brucekferguson/4720_Proposal

Student attendance  
Attendance will be taken frequently. It will be taken at the professor’s discretion, at any time during any class session. It may be taken more than once during a class session. Under university policy, more than three class absences is, by itself, grounds for administrative withdrawal from the course. The only documentation of student attendance will be students’ signatures on an attendance sheet. To document your attendance at any time during each class period, make sure you are aware when an attendance sheet is being circulated, locate it, and sign it.

Required student submittals  
Four submittals are required for this course:  
• initial project statement: required but not graded  
• faculty advisor commitment: required but not graded  
• draft proposal: required but not graded  
• final proposal: the basis of the course grade

Course grade  
One of the following letter grades will be assigned for the course:  
A A- B+ B B- C+ C C- D F  
The grade will be based on the following characteristics of the final submitted proposal:  
• site location and base map  
• clear project concept and program  
• possession of initial site analysis data  
• additional information further explaining project’s site, background, conditions, character, etc.  
• project’s feasibility to fulfill the purposes of LAND 4900  
• proposal document’s neatness, clarity, & readability
Class attendance and on-time submittals will be used to interpret the student’s attention to the proposal project during the semester.

Submittal of the final proposal by the required deadline is vital. A final proposal that is submitted after the deadline hour will be graded using the usual criteria; then the course grade will be marked down according to the following schedule:

- up to 24 hours late: one full letter grade (e.g., B+ to C+)
- 24 to 48 hours late: two full letter grades
- 48 to 72 hours late: three full letter grades
- more than 72 hours late: course grade is automatically “F”

An extension of the submission deadline or a course grade of “Incomplete” will be given only if a student has received written permission from the instructor prior to the due date.

Class schedule
The course meets each Wednesday, 3:35-4:25, in 107 Caldwell
Adjustments to the following class schedule may be made during the semester

Aug 19  First day of class: introduction, purpose
          *Initial project statement assigned*
Aug 26  Lecture: How To Get A Project
Sep  2  Lecture: What Is A Project
Sep  9  Lecture: Previous Terminal Projects
Sep 16  Lecture: How To Get A Base Map
Sep 23  Lecture: How to Get A Faculty Advisor
          *Initial project statement due 3:35 pm, via e-mail to bfergus@uga.edu*
          *Faculty advisor commitment assigned*
Sep 30  Lecture: Guiding Concepts & Precedents
Oct  7  Begin draft proposal
          *Faculty commitment due 3:35 pm, via e-mail to bfergus@uga.edu*
          *Draft proposal assigned*
Oct 14  Lecture: Previous Proposals
Oct 21  Lecture: Successful Site Analyses
Oct 28  No class: Work on draft proposal
Nov  4  Evaluate draft proposals
          *Draft proposal due 3:35 pm, on paper copy in classroom*
          *Final proposal assigned*
Nov 11  No class: Work on final proposal (BF speaking in England)
Nov 18  No class: Work on final proposal
Nov 25  No class (UGA Thanksgiving Break): Work on final proposal
Dec  2  Final class
          *Proposal due 3:35 pm, on 2 CDs in 107 Caldwell classroom*
          *Student class evaluations, as soon as proposals are collected*

After grading, Ferguson will forward CDs to faculty advisor & 4900 instructor