

SURP 807 – Participation Techniques Module

Course Outline, Winter 2019

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Course Grading: Class Participation 40% Group Assignment 60%
Assignment will be due one week after last class – February 6, 2019

Location: MC E230

This module will explore the continuum of public participation techniques and the role of the “planner” by examining public participation approaches and skills in land planning, environmental planning and social planning. Public Participation will be reviewed with an emphasis on skill development through interactive discussion of tools and techniques and hands-on in class experience. Readings are recommended and will provide context for class discussions.

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 – 6:00 to 8:50 p.m.

Use of Public Participation Techniques

This class will review the continuum of public participation, Arnstein’s Ladder of Citizen Participation, what constitutes a consultation plan, who are the key audiences, overview of different tools and techniques, running effective public meetings, use of information, the role of the media, ways to create a climate for effective participation and pitfalls to avoid.

Recommended Readings: David Gordon and Gerald Hodge, The Texture of Participation in Community Planning, Chapter 12 in *Planning Canadian Communities*

James Creighton, Overview of Public Participation in *The Public Participation Handbook*, Part 1, Chapters 1 and 2, pages 5 to 26.

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 – 6:00 to 8:50 p.m.

Participation Techniques in Community and Land Use Plan-Making

This class will review approaches for plan-making including community visioning used in Official Plans and Strategic Plans, holding effective workshops, planning a design charrette and group dynamic techniques to explore.

Recommended Readings: James Creighton, Public Participation Tool Kit in *The Public Participation Handbook*, Part 3, Chapters 6 and 7, pages 85 to 138.

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 - 6:00 to 8:50 p.m.

Participation Techniques in Environmental Planning

This class will explore public participation techniques in the context of controversial environmental processes and infrastructure planning and planning for sustainability through broad stakeholder involvement. The class will review skills for conducting a constructive public engagement process, preparing for public meetings, the use of public opinion surveys, advisory committees and working groups.

Recommended Readings: James Creighton, Public Meeting Tools in *The Public Participation Handbook*, Part 4 Introduction and Chapters 8 and 9, pages 139 to 165

Wednesday, January 30, 2019 – 6:00 to 8:50 p.m.

Participation Techniques in Housing and Human Services

This class will explore public participation techniques aimed at creating community partnerships, in creating community capacity for social planning and will provide skills for the planner as neighbourhood mediator, dispute resolutions techniques and dealing with NIMBYism. During the last part of this class, student teams will provide a short 10 minute presentation of their course assignment highlighting aspects of their public consultation program.

Recommended Readings: James Creighton, Working with Advisory Groups in *The Public Participation Handbook* Part 5, Chapter 12, pages 183 to 189 and Evaluating Public Participation in Chapter 16, pages 214 to 222.

Other resources will be provided in class.