

GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING

GPHY 337 – Regional Development and Planning



Contact Time	Two 1.5-hour sessions per week						
Format	In-class lectures, discussions, group activities and assignments/submissions based on course readings and independent research						
Class Assessment	<table> <tr> <td>Participation</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Midterm test</td> <td>35%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term paper</td> <td>45%</td> </tr> </table>	Participation	20%	Midterm test	35%	Term paper	45%
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COURSE OVERVIEW

This course examines regional development and planning through an examination of various definitions of regions, regional planning and development theories, and regional plans and policies. Participants will consider different notions and models of 'the region', the implications of these definitions to policy development, and the idea of regional planning. This course will offer a combination of North American examples and a comparative international perspective.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify key themes, concepts, and theoretical approaches related to regional development and planning.
2. Recognize that inclusive strategies are needed for regional development and planning with diverse, and/or Indigenous communities.
3. Apply regional development and planning strategies to scenarios faced by decision makers.

COURSE TOPICS

Course topics include, but are not limited to, regional planning models in Ontario and beyond, regional development strategies, and the economic, social, cultural, and environmental implications of regional planning and development.

COURSE READINGS

- Kempenaar, A., Westerink, J., van Lierop, M., Brinkhuijsen, M., & van den Brink, A. (2016). "Design makes you understand"—Mapping the contributions of designing to regional planning and development. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 149, 20–30.
- Friedmann, J., & Sorensen, A. (2019). City unbound: emerging mega-conurbations in Asia. *International Planning Studies*, 24(1), 1–12.
- OECD (2020), Linking Indigenous Communities with Regional Development in Canada, OECD Rural Policy Reviews, OECD Publishing, Paris, <https://doi.org/10.1787/fa0f60c6-en>
- Rural Kingston Economic Development Strategy: Mobilizing Opportunities for the Greater Kingston Region
- Yeh, A. G.-O., & Chen, Z. (2020). From cities to super mega city regions in China in a new wave of urbanisation and economic transition: Issues and challenges. *Urban Studies (Edinburgh, Scotland)*, 57(3), 636–654.