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GEOG 421S.01: Towns and Rural Settlement

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TOWNS and RURAL SETTLEMENT

(Course Outline and Reading Assignments)


Part #1

The Foundations of Urban and Rural Settlement

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Part #2

Urban and Rural Relationships

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2. Typology of Towns                                                     |        |
3. Central Place Theory: The Urban Hierarchy                              | 8      |
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Term Paper and Class Presentation

A term paper of between 10 and 15 pages will be prepared by each student on a topic assigned by the instructor. The paper will be used as the basis for a 15 minute class presentation to be held sometime during the last three weeks of the semester. The paper is to be an original work and include a title page, text, footnotes, and bibliography. It is to be formatted throughout according to the standards set forth in the most recent edition of Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*. Footnotes are to be placed at the bottom of the page.

Term paper topics will be assigned from the following list:

1. The Role of Planning in Rural Conservation.
3. The Role of GIS in Assisting Rural Conservation.
4. Zoning for Rural Areas and Small Towns.
5. The Role of Conservation Easements in Rural Conservation.
6. Conservation of Specialized Resources (Historic, Scenic, Recreation, Public Lands).
7. Inventorying Natural Resources: Environmental Impacts.
12. Agriculture and Rural Conservation.
13. Preserving the Health of Small Communities.
17. Preserving Water and Related Resources.
19. Rural Subdivision and Housing.
20. Dealing with Conflict as it Concerns Rural Conservation.
22. The Role and Design of Impact Statements in Rural Conservation.
23. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
25. The Heritage of Theodore Roosevelt in Conserving the West.
27. Creating the Rattlesnake Wilderness.
30. Penn Station, New York City (*Wilson’s topic*).

Field Trip
A three-hour field trip of the Missoula urban area will be scheduled late during the semester.

**Examinations**

Examinations will be scheduled after Parts 2 and 4 of the above outline. The examination after Part 4 will be held during the regularly scheduled Final Exam Period for one hour from 3:20 to 4:20 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17. The Final Exam is not comprehensive. Both examinations will be in essay format.