

UEP 411
Senior Comprehensive Seminar in
Urban and Environmental Policy
Spring 2023
Mondays

12:45p

Monday, 4/24	Senior Comps Grades Due to the Registrar (pass/no pass/distinction)
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**Monday April 17th,
Friday April 21st &
Week of April 24th**
W (12-2:30pm; Friday
and following times
TBD)

Mon 3/27 Presenting your work; Lightning Presentations- 3 minutes and discussion. We will need to complete these lightening presentations this week, so we can discuss an added time if needed this week (maybe Wednesday 12-

Course Grade for UEP 411

UEP 411 Professor(s) will assign a final course grade based on the following:

Participation (20%)

- Class participation and discussions
- Initiative taken with the research and in class
- Engagement with course material, professors, and classmates

Written assignments (60%)

- 1) Progress Report; 2) Findings Section; 3) Final Comps Paper

Public presentation of comps (20%)

Distinction on Comps

The professor(s) teaching the comps courses (in consultation with other UEP faculty) will read and evaluate each comps project. Students will receive one of the following:

- 1) Pass only;
- 2) Pass w/Distinction only, or
- 3) Pass w/Distinction + Honors

“Pass” designation will be given to comps that meet the following baseline criteria:

- Present a clear, relevant and researchable topic
- Articulate a clear research question and methodology
- Represent a strong grasp of the relevant literature
- Present clear evidence/data that addresses the research question
- Reflect a well defined and organized structure
- Contain strong, analytic writing, clear arguments, and a clear audience.
- Include relevant recommendations
- Capture your passion and engagement in an applied research project.

“Distinction” will be awarded to projects that reflect the criteria above and excel in the following:

- Level of complexity and depth of analysis
- Relevance and applicability of recommendations

Departmental Honors

UEP faculty will also designate “Honors” to students if they have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and have been awarded “Pass with Distinction” on their Comps project. In some cases, UEP faculty may decide to grant Honors to a student with GPAs between 3.25 (the College baseline) and 3.49 in cases where a students’ comps projects reflects an extraordinary effort and research product.

UEP faculty will notify students of Distinction and Honor awards following the comps presentations.

