Preliminary Examination I – Doctoral Program in Urban & Regional Planning
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I. Planning Theory and Practice

The focus of **Paper I concerns Planning Theory and its Relationship to Planning Practice**. Material covered in this paper focuses on planning history, theory, justification, and critique. It also covers planning practice including, ethics, institutions, styles & modes, disputes & resolution approaches, and political contexts. The basic material dealt with in Paper I is sufficiently covered in the Urban and Regional Planning M.S. core course URPL 781–*Planning Thought and Practice*. Taking this course is strongly recommended, but not required.

In addition, students are expected to undertake course work on specific theories and practical applications in support of their dissertation research. A file of past questions is available for student review in the departmental office. However, student answers to previous examinations are not public information.

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