

UCI Master of Urban and Regional Planning

Site Development, UPPP275, Fall 2021, Fridays, 9:00 am - 11:50 am

Instructor: Lynda Hikichi, AICP, Principal Regional Planner, County of Los Angeles

Learn about site plan review and permitting processes in the Fall 2021 Site Development course. Students will explore how a site gets developed – whether it is an addition to an existing building, new construction, or a new subdivision – from application to building permits, and in between.

Topics include:

- Basics of site plan review (e.g., site/plot plans, floor plans, elevations) to ensure compliance with the zoning code
- How to calculate density and measure yard setbacks and height
- Comparison of ministerial vs. discretionary reviews
- Permitting processes
- How the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) fits into the reviews, and the public hearing process
- Introduction to the various types of zoning applications and entitlements
- Understanding Findings and Conditions, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Enrollment via WebReg required, MURP priority until waitlist release date (9/17/21). This is a 4-unit course that fulfills elective requirements for the MURP degree. It has been developed in part through MURP professional development programming initiatives.



Instructor Bio:

Lynda Hikichi, AICP, is a Principal Regional Planner for the County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning (DRP). For ten years, she has been working in the Land Divisions/Subdivisions Section of the Current Planning Division. She coordinates with County Departments in managing/processing the subdivision projects to ensure compliance of the County Codes and State regulations. In addition to reviewing subdivision maps, she processes all related discretionary permits that range from conditional use permits to zone changes to plan amendments, and conducts the necessary environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Prior to subdivisions, she worked in the Land Development Coordinating Center of DRP for five years processing ministerial cases. She received a master degree in urban planning and a M.S. in engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is an Eno Fellow and her engineering thesis was published in the Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board. She also has a M.A. in political management from The George Washington University, and majored in Political Science and History at U.C.L.A. In 2017, she completed the American Planning Association Los Angeles Leadership Training Program

