PPD – 431 Undergraduate Capstone Laboratory

Real Estate Development and Planning Project Laboratory

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This Undergraduate Laboratory encourages students to use their coursework during their undergraduate program and take aspects of these different courses to use in a laboratory involving a real world project.  This laboratory will focus on analyzing a project area by creating a community plan and proposing a project within the project area.  The class will revolve around reviewing the tools for preparing a project report and will include lectures, field trips to see similar projects, laboratory projects and case studies.

 The class will consist of preparing two major reports:

1. Community Plan – each student will prepare a plan for a defined project area. Students will use their planning coursework to develop the community plan.
2. Final Project. Each student will prepare a project report on a project related to his or her major focused on a project in the project area being studied.  For example, Real Estate Development majors can prepare a project proposal for a development project.  Planning majors can focus on preparing a specific plan to regulate land uses in the project area.  Healthcare majors can propose a health care project.

John W. Loper is an adjunct professor who has taught real estate finance (RED 511), real estate practices (510), Capstone Laboratory (431) and retail development (PPD 499).  John has a Masters Degree in Real Estate Development from USC, and a BS in Business Administration from USC.  He has been in the real estate development industry for 25 years and has been involved in retail, master planned communities, single family and multi-family residential projects and mixed use projects.  John has a real estate development-consulting firm, Palm Tree Communities Consulting Inc., based in Irvine, CA.