COURSE OUTLINE

I. BACKGROUND
- Current environmental/social problems and trends
- Decentralism: A solution worth exploring
- Principles of decentralism

II. CASE STUDIES

III. FUNCTIONAL REQUISITES OF SELF-RELIANT COMMUNITIES
- Management functions
- Production functions
- Allocation functions
- Staffing functions

IV. PERSONAL REWARDS FROM DECENTRALISM
- The psychological effect of simple lifestyles
- Decentralist lifestyles in the urban setting

V. SMALL TOWN PLANNING

VI. PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

VII. DECENTRALISM: PROBLEMS AND PROSPECT

ASSIGNMENTS

Mini Paper May 23 (20% of grade)
Reading Summaries May 23 (20% of grade)
Term Paper June 22 (30% of grade)
Participation (discussion, leader) June 22 (30% of grade)

COURSE MATERIALS

A course pack is available at Dollar Bill Copying, 611 Church St., 665-9200.

SCHEDULE OF CLASS SESSIONS

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I. BACKGROUND

MAY 4

[Handout]

MAY 9-11

PROBLEMS

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PROSPECTS


II. CASE STUDIES

MAY 16-18


UP 574 - Decentralism/Stewardship Communities
III. FUNCTIONAL REQUISITES OF SELF-RELIANT COMMUNITIES

There are at least four main functional requisites of self-reliant systems (see Feldt 1985). These are the functions of management, production, allocation and staffing. Each is made up of the sub-items listed and each will be discussed with regard to decentralist communities.

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TUESDAY – MAY 23 – MANAGEMENT


Kinkade, K. (1973) excerpt on governance and mutual criticism, in A Walden Two Experiment, pp. 50-55 and 150-163. [19 pp.]


THURSDAY – MAY 25 – PRODUCTION


TUESDAY -- MAY 30 -- ALLOCATION


THURSDAY -- JUNE 1 -- STAFFING


IV. PERSONAL REWARDS FROM DECENTRALISM

JUNE 6-8


V. SMALL TOWN PLANNING

JUNE 13


VII. PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

JUNE 15

VII. DECENTRALISM: PROBLEMS AND PROSPECT

JUNE 20


For additional sources consult:

Decentralism Bibliography. [Draft].