

ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

**ECOLOGICAL DESIGN: CITIES,
LANDSCAPES AND TRANSPORT (1585)**

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COURSE OUTLINE

Ecological Design Cities, Landscapes and Transport

Reference Books

- Sustainable Communities by Barton Hugh
- Landscape Planning: Environmental Applications by Marsh
- Environmental Problems in an Urbanizing World by Hardoy and Mitlin
- An Introduction to Landscape Design & Construction by Blake, James
- Transport Systems, Policy and Planning by Tolley/Turton
- Emerging Concept in Urban Space Design by Jeffery

Unit 1 Ecology of Settlements

- 1.1 Neighborhood and Community
- 1.2 Sustainable Development
- 1.3 Environmental impacts of recent planning trends
- 1.4 Reversing Current land use and Environmental Trends

Unit 2 Rural, Regional and Global Impacts of Cities

- 2.1 Cities' regional impacts and rural urban interactions
- 2.2 Cities' ecological footprints
- 2.3 Cities' and the global commons
- 2.4 Impact of global warming on Third World Cities

Unit 3 Issues in the City Environment

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Unit 4 Sustainable Development and Cities

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- 4.3 Links between Urban Policies and Sustainable Development
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- 4.5 Implementing sustainable development in cities

Unit 5 Addressing Environmental Problems

- 5.1 Tackling Environmental Health Patterns
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- 5.3 Better use of Natural Resources
- 5.4 Solid Waste Management
- 5.5 Tackling city-wide pollution

Unit 6 Landscape Planning; Environmental Applications

- 6.1 Introduction - Roots/Problems
- 6.2 The problem: change and impact
- 6.3 Planning realms: Decision Making, technical and design
- 6.4 Environmental Impact Assessment
- 6.5 Areas of Activity in Landscape Planning
- 6.6 Methods and Techniques
- 6.7 Environmental Ordinance

Unit 7 Landscape Design and Construction

- 7.1 Introduction
- 7.2 The Role of the Landscape Designer
- 7.3 Design Philosophy and Aesthetic Principles
- 7.4 Criteria for Good Design

Unit 8 Transport Systems, Policy and Planning

- 8.1 Transport systems and transport geography
- 8.2 Spatial systems; International Transport, National Transport
- 8.3 Transport in Urban and Rural Areas

Unit 9 The Environmental Effects of Transport

- 9.1 Inputs (Energy Consumption), Outputs (Air pollution)
- 9.2 Reducing Atmospheric Pollution from Land Transport
- 9.3 Side-effects of transport systems:
 - a) Noise and vibration
 - b) Land use and ecology
 - c) Visual intrusion
- 9.4 The Appraisal of Environmental Impacts

STUDENT GUIDE

Dear student

Assalam-o-Alaikum,

We welcome you to the M.Sc Environmental Design Course entitled “**Ecological Design: Cities Landscapes and Transport**”. This course is the part of the third semester of your M.Sc. Programme.

Details of the Course

Unit No. 1 is the introductory unit that introduces the concept of sustainable settlements along with the importance of neighborhood. This unit will be provided to during your study period on a **CD**.

Unit No. 2 is an overview of the rural-urban interaction in a glance. Studying it will make you familiar to the regional and global impacts of the cities

Unit No. 3 emphasizes the city environment and the problems related to the city environment.

Unit No. 4 discusses the importance and implementation of sustainable development in cities and deterioration in city ecology due to human activities

Unit No. 5 is a remedy to these issues and discusses the methods regarding tackling the environmental and health issues in a city

Unit 2, 3, 4 and 5 are all covered in your textbook “Environmental Problems in an Urbanizing World”

Unit No. 6 is covered in the first chapter of your text book “**Landscape Planning: Environmental Applications**” and incorporates the methods and techniques related to landscape planning

Unit No. 7 consists further details about landscape design and construction and will be provided to during your study period on a **CD**.

Unit No. 8 and 9 deal with the planning and policy matters of transport systems and the environmental effects related to transport. These units are covered in the 5th, 6th and 10th chapter of your text book “**Transport System: Planning and Policy**”

Lecture Sessions/Part Time Tutors

Students are allocated a part time tutor. The name and address of your tutor will be provided to you. The tutor will help and guide you in studying the books and conducting activities related to study units. You are expected to take full advantage of the tutor knowledge and experience. These tutors are also responsible for marking your assignments.

Make all efforts to complete your written assignment according to the prescribed schedule and try your best to attend all the study sessions according to the timetable provided to you.

Schedule for tutorial meetings are arranged on fortnightly bases. The specific dates in the form of lecture sessions are being provided separately. Try to attend these meetings regularly to get proper guidance from your tutor.

Assignments

The course includes two assignments, which are compulsory for successful completion of the whole course. Each assignment is of 100 marks and out of these students obtaining 40 marks will be declared pass.

Assignment No. 1 is theory based and must reach your assigned tutor before the due date. The schedule of submitting the assignment is provided separately. The tutor will send the marked assignment back to the students within 15 days, if you do not receive the marked assignment after 15 days please contact your tutor or regional office of the Allama Iqbal Open University.

The **assignment No. 2** is research based and do not need submission to the tutor before the workshop is held. For detailed instructions related to your research based assignment please go through the detailed instructions enclosed with the assignment.

Note: *Do not forget to dispatch the prescribed forms along with the complete assignments.*

Methods of Study

Study period of 16 weeks has been allocated for studying this course through distance learning where as 17th and 18th weeks are kept for general assessment and for final examination.

S. No.	Units	Assignments	Study period
1	1-2		4 weeks
2	3-6		4 weeks
3	7	Assignment 1	2 weeks
4	8-9		2 weeks
5	Revision	Assignment 2	4 weeks
6	Preparation for examination		2 weeks

You are expected to spend four weeks on studying first two units, this will help to improve your reading speed and get familiar with the contents of the units. The next three units 3 to 6 will become easier for you and you will be able to study them in

comparatively less time. You can spend four weeks on studying these four units, during the ninth week you can study the unit no. 7 and during the tenth week you complete your first assignment and dispatch to your tutor.

Unit 8 to 9 can be studied during 11th and 12th week respectively and you can complete your second assignment along with the revision of your book during the weeks 13-16. The last two weeks can be kept for examination and its preparation

Workshop

A workshop will be arranged for three days. Schedule of the workshop and venue will be sent to the students during the study period. Workshop will cover some of the lectures of the specialist on important topics and the students will present their research work conducted for the assignment No. 2. The tutor will provide guidance for the workshop. Attendance in workshop is **compulsory** for the students.

Final examination

At the end of the course there will be a final examination, all the students will be expected to take this examination in the examination halls especially established for this purpose.

For any queries you can write to the course / program coordinator Suggestions for improvement will also be welcomed.

We wish you all the best.

Dr. Nomana Anjum
Programme Coordinator/Chairperson

TUTOR GUIDE

Dear Tutor,

Students enrolled in M. Sc. Environmental Design offered through the distance learning system belong to a number of professions and have a variety of educational backgrounds and experience.

These students have very limited contact with their course mates and the part time tutors. It is therefore important to keep in mind that some of the distance-learning students have had no links with education during the past few years after completing their formal education, therefore they might lack confidence. Secondly distance-learning students are involved in studying during their spare time, probably after office hours. You are therefore requested to guide and help the students while keeping these issues in mind. Some students may need help in developing professional attitudes as well as understanding the facts about research techniques and methodology.

Study Center

The main purpose of establishing the study center for distance learning students is to provide help and guidance for the difficulties faced by the students while studying at home. The study centers have been established in registered local institutions. During the lecture sessions it is required to provide guidance to the students to sort out their problems.

Assignments

In the distance learning system, studying the course units has its own importance but assignments and workshops are the major source of link between tutor and the student. Therefore it is important to offer your comments through these assignments. Express your views in such a way that the student is not discouraged, hurts or feels depressed after going through your comments.

You are also expected to guide on issues like methods of solving assignments, effective methods of studying and methods to improve study habits and working hard.

Assignment 2, is research based and requires field survey. Advise students to discuss the assignment in the lecture sessions at various stages of research activity (at least three times before finally presenting in the workshop).

1. The stage one may be clarity on topic to develop objectives of study.
2. The stage two can be literature review and design of research tool (questionnaire etc).
3. The stage three can be data analysis and presentation style.

It is anticipated that the student will submit their assignment in time according to the prescribed schedule.

You are therefore requested to mark the assignment No.1 within 15 days and return these with detailed comments within the scheduled dates.

Marking Guides are provided to you. You are expected to follow the instructions and make full use of these guides while marking the assignments. The students are expected to avoid giving unnecessary details and try to be brief and comprehensive. While marking the assignments the tutor has to assess whether the students have followed the instructions provided to them or not.

Practical Assignment

The students are given research based assignment (2) which would involve the student in some research activity after which they will be representing their work report in the workshop held by the end of the semester. The students are not required to submit this assignment to you before it is presented however, after the workshop the assignments will be submitted to the tutor and will be marked by you.

Workshop

A three days workshop will be arranged for the students for each course in their respective study center. You will be intimated before time, as your presence in the workshop is necessary.

- During the workshop the experts will be delivering lectures to the students in the main areas of the subject.
- Also, the students would be presenting their research-based assignment and you are required to mark the assignments after their presentation.

Regards.

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WARNING

1. **PLAGIARISM OR HIRING OF GHOST WRITER(S) FOR SOLVING THE ASSIGNMENT(S) WILL DEBAR THE STUDENT FROM AWARD OF DEGREE/CERTIFICATE, IF FOUND AT ANY STAGE.**
2. **SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS BORROWED OR STOLEN FROM OTHER(S) AS ONE'S OWN WILL BE PENALIZED AS DEFINED IN "AIOU PLAGIARISM POLICY".**

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Pass Marks: 40

Note: 10 marks for attendance & class participation

ASSIGNMENT No. 1

(Units: 1-7)

- Q.1 a) What recommendations will you suggest to achieve a Sustainable community and Eco Neighborhood in your region?
b) Why are the current trends in planning settlements unstable? Identify the environmental consequences of these trends. Suggest some measures to rectify these unsustainable planning trends. **(14)**
- Q.2 a) "Rural urban interaction is essential for establishing a sustainable region", elaborate the statement giving reasons from local context.
b) Elaborate the concept of inputs and outputs of a city. **(12)**
- Q.3 a) Elaborate four most important resource consumption indicators in recent planning trends.
b) Discuss the Impacts of Global Warming on cities' environment due to human induced activities. **(12)**
- Q.4 Enlist different types of pollutants and their environmental impacts from the following activities:
a) Urbanization
b) Transportation
c) Industrialization
- Q.5 a) What is to be sustained, "Environment or Development". Elaborate your opinion logically by keeping in mind the context of Pakistan.

- b) How can we implement Sustainable Development in cities? (12)
- Q.6 a) Discuss the steps involved in waste collection and disposal system in urban areas of Pakistan.
b) Improved Water and Sanitation conditions will automatically improve the health patterns of the dwellers of an area; elaborate your answer, how? (12)
- Q.7 Discuss landscape ecology in detail. What are the causes of mismatch between land-use and environment? (12)
- Q.8 Evaluate Landscape planning of a community park in your area by determining the compositional design principles of landscaping e.g. (balance, unity, line plane, point) etc. (12)

ASSIGNMENT No. 2

Total Marks: 100

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This assignment is of practical nature, you have to prepare a research report and present it in the workshop prior to the final examination (you do not need to send this to your tutor before the workshop).
2. The workshop component is mandatory for all the students. You cannot sit in the final examination without compiling this report and presenting it in the workshop.
3. This assignment requires thorough review of literature to develop the conceptual framework before conducting the field research, which also needs to be incorporated in the report systematically.
4. You can select any of the given topics for field research; the field visits should preferably be based closed to your home address.
5. Your research report should be at least 20-25 typed pages covering both theoretical and practical components.
6. Include the following sections in your report:
 - a. Introduction and objectives of the study
 - b. Methodology for field research
 - c. Review of literature
 - d. Data Analysis with statistics and graphical representations
 - e. Conclusions / suggestions
 - f. Appendices and bibliography
7. Prepare three copies of this assignment, one for yourself, one for the tutor and the third one for the Department of Home and Health Sciences (AIU) for record. Attach three assignment forms with this assignment as for assignment one.

8. As the student is suppose to do a presentation in the workshop to the resource person and course mates, they should prepare transparencies or other illustrative material for effective presentation.
9. You are advised to consult source material frequently. if you need any guidance you may contact your tutor or write to the Department of Home and Health Sciences (AIOU).

Please select any of these topics for research and report writing:

- Q.1 Prepare a detail report on urbanization trend in Pakistan and highlight environmental issues because of this trend. Compare two native cities as a case study and quote your figures and all other relevant data with the help of reliable references.
- Q.2 Search out at least five cases of water pollution or water scarcity of national importance during last ten years in Pakistan. In addition discuss the roles played by Government and NGOs for those particular issues and propose suitable solutions to handle these issues in the coming future.
- Q.3 Select an unplanned community, highlight all related environmental issues after initial site visits and then confirm these issues by circulating a creative questionnaire. In addition recommend suitable suggestions to improve environmental conditions in that community.
- Q.4 Compare the landscape planning of two different cities in all respects (methods, techniques, suitability, environment, economy etc) with the help of photographs. Discuss their relevant merits and demerits and propose most suitable suggestions to improve landscape vision through out the country.

MARKING GUIDE

It is anticipated that the tutors mark the assignments carefully and follow the similar marking standard for all the students.

For the theory based assignments you are requested to follow the marks division as indicated on the assignment that is ten questions, each of ten marks making a total of hundred. The questions that are further divided into parts a, b etc. accompany a further division of marks as well.

For the research based assignment the allocation of marks is indicated as under:

Research activity	50 marks
Report writing	25 marks
Presentation in the workshop	25 marks

You are expected to stick to the guidelines provided to maintain the standardization and uniformity.