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ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code ARCH-301	Course Title Architectural Design IV (Urban Design)	ECTS Credits 12
Department Architecture	Semester Fall	Prerequisites ARCH – 202
Type of Course Required	Field Urban Design	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 3rd	Lecturer(s) Zenon Sierepeklis Eleonore Zippelius
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites ARCH - 341

Objectives of the Course:

- Introduce students to basic theories and concepts of town planning and urban design
- Encourage creative and experimental urban design
- Fill the gap between architecture and planning
- Establish a broad basis of urban design knowledge and skills
- Establish a broad basis of debate on issues confronting contemporary urban societies
- Develop the students` ability to question established theoretical positions and to formulate design principles
- Stimulate the students` ability to generate creatively new and increasingly complex ideas and forms at a variety of scales
- Challenge students` to take account of cultural heritage, history and theory of the city
- Develop students` confidence and competence in communicating design ideas

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Create architectural conditions which satisfy both aesthetic and technical requirements
- Identify, discuss, study, analyse, and evaluate a range of visual and textual sources
- Apply theory and research to specific urban design projects
- Identify, discuss, analyse and evaluate the nature of the urban space
- Formulate and design a range of ideas leading to a creative and experimental urban design proposal
- To communicate effectively – visually and verbally – an urban design analysis and evaluation and an urban design proposal and concept
- Link architecture, town planning and urban design, related arts, technologies and human sciences
- Think critically on environmental, social and cultural issues confronting contemporary urban societies

Course Contents:

Major theme addressing a characteristic urban issue investigated through:

- Theoretical approach involving basic theories of architecture, related arts, technologies and human sciences
- Practical approach involving the urban fabric

Urban design project:

- Investigation, analysis and evaluation of a given urban context
- Development of a range of alternative design ideas leading to a final design proposal
- Effective communication of the design proposal and concept

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Project oriented studio class, Involving site visits, individual instruction, class presentations, Supported by lectures, group discussions and guest lectures.

Assessment Methods:

Assignment 1: Theoretical approach of a main theme, Assignment 2: Practical approach of a main theme (Midterm), Assignment 3: Urban design project (Final)

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Panos Leventis	Twelve Times in Nicosia: Nicosia Cyprus 1192-1570 (Topography, Architecture and Urban Experience in a Diversified Capital City)	Cyprus Research Center	2005	9963-0-8095-2
Danilo Demi	The Walled City of Nicosia: Typology Study	UNDP:	1997	9963-8272-0-9
Anna Marangou, Andreas Koutas	Nicosia - The History of the City		2009	978-9963-9679-0-2

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Keshishi, Kevork K.	Nicosia, Capital of Cyprus Then and Now	Mouflon Bookshop, Nicosia	1989	9789963571215
Norberg-Schulz, Christian	Genius Loci – Towards a Phenomenology of Architecture	Rizzoli International Publications	1980	978-0847802876
Manuael de Solà-Morales	A Matter of Things	NAi Publishers	2008	978-9056625207
Kurrent, Friedrich	New Buildings in Old Settings	State Museum of Applied Arts	1978	ASIN B0032YQJMY