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Department of Architecture

Course:	MSAR112 - Building Physics and Sustainability	Class: I M. Arch(SA), I Sem, A.Y. 2026-27
Instructors:	Dr. Lilly Rose A	Internal Assessment: 50
		External Theory Exam: 50
Contact Periods/ week: 03 periods.(55 min each)		Total Marks: 100
Time Table: Tuesday 09:00 am - 11:45 am		Credits: 3
Attendance: Min 75%	Min. Passing Marks: 50% each in Internal & External Assessment and 50% in Aggregate	

Objective: The aim of the course is to introduce climatic and building physics parameters and understand the role of building physics in designing a climate responsive and energy efficient building for enhanced occupant comfort.

Out Line of the Course:

LECTURE PLAN

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC OF CLASS LECTURE & DISCUSSION	TOPIC OF STUDIO WORK& ASSIGNMENTS / REMARKS
1	Week-1 25-08-2026	Earth-Sun relationship, Global Climate, Climatic zones in India, Analysis of macro & micro climate.	Lecture + Introduction to Sun path analysis using software
2	Week-2 01-09-2026	Interpretation of climatic data through Climate Data, Solar Path Charts, Psychrometric Charts, Bioclimatic charts.	Lecture + inclass activity
3	Week-3 08-09-2026	Thermal Comfort in Built environments	Lecture + inclass activity
4	Week-4 15-09-2026	Thermal comfort indices, operative and comfort temperatures, Adaptive thermal comfort	Lecture + inclass activity
5	Week-5 22-09-2026	Use of instruments like data loggers/ anemometer for thermal/ wind data recording and carrying out related studies/exercises.	Visit to Climatology lab and demonstration of instruments
6	Week-6 29-09-2026	Book Review	Library Visit for Book Review
7	Week-7 06-10-2026	Heat insulation, absorptivity, emissivity, reflectivity, thermal conductivity, thermal damping, thermal performance index, thermal resistance, thermal transmittance, thermal time constant and time lag.	Lecture + Numericals
8	Week-8 13-10-2026	Thermal behaviour of multi layers: body, surface conductance, air-to-air resistance, cavity resistance, solar control, radiation calculations, solar heat gain - periodic heat flow calculations	Lecture + Numericals
9	Week-9 20-10-2026	Dussehra	Holiday
	Week-9 21-10-2026	Mid Semester week	Mid Semester Examination
10	Week-10 27-10-2026	Calculation of principle building energy gains and losses. Estimation of building energy performance for heating and cooling for different climatic contexts.	Lecture + introduction to Opaque 3.0 software for thermal analysis / Exercises

11	Week-11 03-11-2026	Calculation of principle building energy gains and losses. Estimation of building energy performance for heating and cooling for different climatic contexts.	Lecture + introduction to Opaque 3.0 software for thermal analysis / Exercises
12	Week-12 10-11-2026	Radiation versus other Heat Transfer Methods, Evaluating various built form (Vernacular, State of art and other buildings) and its components / or materials for comfort conditions with respect to thermal, visual and air movement.	Lecture + inclass activity
13	Week-13 17-11-2026	Field study, data collection and thermal comfort analysis.	Assignment 1: Field study and analysis
14	Week-14 24-11-2026	Guru Nanak Jayanthi	Holiday
15	Week-15 01-12-2026	Adaptive thermal comfort survey and analysis of results.	Field study and analysis

S. No.	Stages of Evaluation	Weightage in %
1	Internal assessment (assignments, exercises, seminar etc.)	30
2	Mid-semester Examination	20
3	End Semester Examination	50
	Total	100

Reference Books:

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- 3.Martin Zeumer, Sebastian El Khouli, and Viola John (2015)., 'Sustainable Construction techniques., Detail Green Books., First Edition.
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- 5.Andrew Scott (1998)., 'Dimensions of Sustainability', E & FN SPON, Routledge.
- 6.K. Steemers and Nick Baker (2000)., 'Energy and Environment in Architecture: A Technical Design Guide', Taylor & Francis.
- 7.David Thrope (2014)., 'Energy Management in Buildings: The Earthscan Expert Guide', Routledge.
- 8.Marko Pinterić (2017)., 'Building Physics: From physical principles to international standards., Springer.
- 9.T.R.Oke (2002)., 'Building Layer Climates', Second Edition, Routledge.
- 10.Steven V. Szokolay, Introduction to Architectural Science: The basis of sustainable design, Architectural Press, 2004.
- 11.DeKay, M., & Brown, G (2001)., Sun, Wind & Light: architectural design strategies, Tehran: Parham Naghsh.

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