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Department of Architecture

Course: MUD 1101; INTRODUCTION TO URBAN DESIGN	Class: MUD 1st year A.Y. 2026-27
Instructors: Dr. G.Karteek	Internal Assessment: 50
	External Exam: 50
	Total Marks: 100
	Credits: 3
Contact Periods/ week: 3periods, 2(Theory)+1(Tutorial)	
Time Table: 3 hours	
Attendance: Min 75%	Min. Passing Marks: 50% each in Internal & External Assessment, 50% in Aggregate

Objective:

The course aims to introduce students to the theoretical foundations, principles and practices of Urban Design by examining the relationship between architecture, urban design, and planning. It seeks to develop an understanding of urban form, public spaces, place-making, and urban morphology through historical and contemporary examples. The course also intends to familiarize students with urban design interventions and the social, cultural, and ethical dimensions of cities, enabling them to critically interpret and shape urban environments at multiple scales.

Expected Outcome:

Students completing this course will be able to:

1. Explain the role of urban design as a professional discipline situated at the interface between architecture, landscape architecture and urban planning.
2. Demonstrate their sensitivity towards public realm and understanding of the city as a three dimensional entity and perception of spaces at multiple scales in their design projects.
3. Design architectural projects more contextually and in healthy relationship with neighborhood and city level.

LECTURE PLAN

WEEK	WEEK/DATE	TOPIC OF CLASS LECTURE & DISCUSSION	TOPIC OF STUDIO WORK& ASSIGNMENTS / REMARKS
1	Week-1	Unit I Introduction and Scope Relationship between Architecture, Urban Design and Town Planning	Lecture by Faculty and Tutorial exercise- Reading material - "Image of the City" by Kevin Lynch
2	Week-2	Brief review of the evolution of urban design as a discipline, basic principles and theories	Discussions on Lecture and Tutorial
3	Week-3	Broad understanding of urban forms and spaces at various spatial scales through examples from historic cities.	Submission of Tutorial exercise-I
4	Week-4	Unit II Elements of Urban Design Understanding the city as a three dimensional element; Urban form as determined by interplay of masses, voids, order, scale, harmony, symmetry, colour and texture, townscape elements and related examples	Discussions on Tutorial
5	Week-5	Organization of spaces and their articulation in the form of squares, streets, vistas and focal points;	Lecture and Discussions

6	Week-6	Concept of public open space; Image of the city and its components such as edges, paths, landmarks, street features.	Lecture and Discussions
7	Week-7	Unit III Typologies and Procedures Concepts of public and private realm; understanding different types and procedures of urban design interventions their scale relationships	Lecture and Discussions
8	Week-8	Constraints and challenges of urban design in democratic versus authoritarian settings.	Lecture and Discussions
9	Week-9	Unit IV Urban Design and Sustainability Sustainability concept; Relationship of urban design with economic, environmental and social sustainability	MID Term Assessment and Lecture
10	Week-10	Urban renewal and urban sprawl	Lecture and Discussions
11	Week-11	Concepts of Transit Oriented Development, Compact City, Healthy City and Walkable City	Lecture and Discussions
12	Week-12	Group Discussions aligned with Studio work	Discussions on Studio work
13	Week-13	Unit V Urban Design Implementation Urban design and its control; Institutional arrangements for design and planning, their roles, powers and limitations	Lecture and Discussions
14	Week-14	Types of planning instruments, structure plans, master plans and local area plans and zoning guidelines, PUD, SEZ;	Lecture and Discussions
15	Week-15	Design communication and role of public participation.	Submission of Tutorial exercise-I
16	Week-16	Syllabus Revision and Final assessments	Submission of attendance and marks
S. No.	Stages of Evaluation		Weightage
1	Tutorial Exercises & Presentations		25%
	Final internal Evaluation		25%
2	End Semester Examination		50%
	Total		100

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