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Case Studies in Landscape Architecture



Course Outline – Term 1, 2020

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1. COURSE STAFF

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2. COURSE DETAILS

Credit Points	6 units of credit (uoc)
Workload	Approx. 150 hours including class contact hours, weekly individual and group online learning activities, readings, class preparation, and assessment activities.
Teaching Times and Location	Find details in timetable http://www.timetable.unsw.edu.au

Description

The course is an introduction to the analysis and design of urban landscapes, focusing the spatial quality, scale and texture of cities. Urban form is studied as a complex system of building types, civic space, infrastructures and ecosystems. Students critically analyze cities as expressions of human responses to environmental conditions and natural processes. The course also emphasises the role of landscape architecture and planning in sustainable/green cities. Assessment tasks include quizzes, international case study analysis and a research essay.

Aims

This course provides the necessary knowledge and skills to understand complex urban ecosystems, or urban landscapes, and establishes a conceptual bridge between studio and theory courses, as a part of the preparation for the final year design studios. The students will explore tools and techniques for urban landscape design and analysis and test them on national and international case studies.

The course is aimed at:

- developing a working knowledge of key theories, concepts and tools related to urban landscape design and analysis.
- exploring significant case studies and implementations that showcase how design of cities is strictly correlated to landscape conditions.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

At the successful completion of this course you will be able to:

1. Analyse the relationships between urban form, urban processes and pre-existing landscape conditions for the design of public spaces.
2. Identify and explain key urban landscape design theories and frameworks.
3. Analyse the relationship between human intervention and the landscape in the creation of cities, together with its influence on landscape architectural practice.
4. Communicate urban forms and processes through written and visual landscape analysis techniques, at a proficient level.

3. ASSESSMENT

Assessment task	Weight	CLOs Assessed
A1. Theory and practice of urban landscape design (Quiz in class) - Individual task	30%	1, 2, 4
A2. The urban landscape atlas (Urban analysis – upload on Moodle) - Group work	30%	1, 3, 4
A3. Places in urban landscapes (Research essay - upload on Moodle) - Individual task	40%	1, 2, 3, 4

4. COURSE IMPROVEMENT AND FEEDBACK

Feedback from students is an integral part of improving courses and teaching approaches. One of the primary mechanisms of feedback is myExperience, which we strongly urge all students to complete at the end of term. Course convenors use the feedback to make ongoing improvements to the course. This is communicated in Moodle in the myFeedback Matters page.