

Course Structure

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FACULTY

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Course Objectives

- To understand the factors that effect occurrence, structure and components of the city
- To understand the evolution of City typologies in History
- To understand the role and nature of various physical components of the city – The architecture of the City
- To develop an understanding of the nature of contemporary debates, critical thoughts on urban issues

Course Content

LECTURE 1 - Factors affecting cities

Introduction to the course

Factors affecting the occurrence and structure of cities

Economic, political, topographical, climate, historical, religion etc.

LECTURE 2- Theories of City Form

The cosmic and organic model

LECTURE 3- Theories of City Form

The Descriptive and the Functional model

LECTURE 4 - Cities in History- Development of typologies- I

The Agricultural Settlement

The birth of urban settlements

Hunting, Agriculture, Container and Human mechanization

Genesis of key physical elements – defining urban settlement

The Temple, Citadel, Wall, Irrigation, Market, Institutions

LECTURE 5 - Cities in History- Development of typologies - II

The Empire and the Republic

Greek and Roman cities

LECTURE 6 - Cities in History- Development of typologies - III

Trade, Commerce and Market Towns

Medieval cities

LECTURE 7 - Cities in History- Development of typologies - IV

The Industrial Revolution and the utopians

LECTURE 8- Cities in History- Development of typologies - IV

The Modern City and the reactionary movements

LECTURE 9 - Cities in History- Development of typologies - V

The Information Cities, Metropolis and Global Cities

LECTURE 10 - The Architecture of City - I

City Structure

City Form, Grid, organic, nodes, connectors, edges, hierarchy, paths, city center.....

LECTURE 11- The Architecture of City - II

City Parts

Components – Streets, public places, open spaces, squares, housing, markets

LECTURE 12 - The Indian Scene - I

Early and Medieval settlements

LECTURE 13 - The Indian Scene - II

Colonial and contemporary settlements

LECTURE 14 - Viewpoints and Critiques of the City- I

Historical, Aesthetics

LECTURE 15 - Viewpoints and Critiques of the City- II

Political, Social, Post modern Critiques etc.

Assignment 1

The City – Its Neighborhood, Institution and house

Assignment to include

- Drawing of the City under study in A3 format on common scale
- A note on factors affecting settlement form
- Plan of the neighborhood in A3 format and general analysis of its morphology and its position in the city
- Plan and section of one prominent institution of the city – Description of its position in the block, typology and relationship with the immediate surrounding
- Plan, section of the house type and its relationship with the immediate neighborhood and the block

Final Presentations on July 18, 25, and August 1, 2005

Assignment 2

Book Review

Final Presentation on August 8, 15 and 22, 2005

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