

CRP 404 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING

Course Code:	1210404
METU Credit (Theoretical-Laboratory hours/week):	3(3-0)
ECTS Credit:	4.0
Department:	City and Regional Planning
Language of Instruction:	English
Level of Study:	Undergraduate
Course Coordinator:	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serap KAYASÜ
Offered Semester:	Spring Semesters

Course Objective

The objective of this course is to get students acquainted with the contemporary issues in urban and regional planning discipline. The discipline covers a wide range of issues that follows a continuous path of change. The course aims to cover the evolution of economic, social and spatial issues at the global scale with an emphasis on the ways in which these issues relate to current changes that are taking place in Turkey.

Course Content

This is a must course for fourth year undergraduate students in the Department of City and Regional Planning. Primary focus of the course is on changes taking place in the social, economical, political and spatial processes in reference to the discipline of urban and regional planning. The contents and those issues that are covered in the context of CRP 404 will change depending on the changes that occur in the aforementioned processes not only in the global domain, but also in national and local domains. The course will cover such issues as Urban Risk Mitigation Planning, Climate Change and Environmental Planning, the EU and Regional Policy Development, Urban Policy and Urban and Regional Development issues. After taking this course the students should have a general understanding of these issues as well as developing a coherent personal overview in regard to respective subject matters.

In addition to the formal lectures, students are expected to work on individual papers on various subject matters discussed throughout the course. In this context students are expected to write a synopsis of each subject area following the formal lectures every two weeks. In addition students will submit log books including personal overviews on each subject matter presented in formal lectures at the end of the term. In this case students are expected to base their perspectives on selected readings that are presented in the references of each section. Direct quotations from internet sites and repetitive arguments cited in different log books will not be graded. Last but not the least; attendance is of great significance throughout the course.

Weekly Program

1. *Introduction* (2 weeks)
2. *Evolution of Urban and Regional Planning* (2 weeks)
3. *Planning at the Wake of Global Restructuring* (2 weeks)
4. *Climate Sensitive Approaches and Environmental Planning* (2 weeks)
5. *Urban Risk Mitigation, Analysis and Planning* (2 weeks)
6. *Regional Policy Development Issues* (2 weeks)
7. *Urban Policy Issues* (2 weeks)

Grading

4 Papers 80%

Attendance 20%

Learning Outcomes

Developing an understanding of the evolution of main concepts regarding the discipline of urban and regional planning.

Acquiring a framework of analysis for contemporary issues in urban and regional planning.

Reference Material

Flint, J. and Raco, M. (2012, eds) The Future of Sustainable Cities, The Policy Press

Hillier, J. and Healey, P. (2010, eds) Planning Theory Conceptual Challenges for Spatial Planning, Ashgate

Innes, J.E. and Booher; D.E. (2010) Planning with Complexity, Routledge