**CRP 111 - Introduction to City and Regional Planning**

Course code: 1210111

Language of Instruction: English

Department: City and Regional Planning

Level of Study: Undergraduate

METU Credit (hours/week): 3 (3-0)

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ECTS Credit: 4.0

Offered Semester: Fall Semester

**Course Objective:**

The course primarily aims to provide an introduction to understand urbanisation process, its components, context and ways of intervention to urbanisation problems by providing a historical and critical look. The course aims also to raise students’ awareness on urban issues and problems by focusing on recent debates on the urbanisation process in Turkey. Throughout the course students will also become familiar with scientific research/writing, group work, departmental staff and their areas of expertise.

**Course Content:**

The course starts with a discussion on the idea of city and urbanisation process which are both subject to continuing academic enquiry. After the definition the city will be investigated within natural and man-made contexts. The extent of contexts, ways of interaction and intervention will be discussed throughout the courses. Actors contributing to the urbanisation process, their interaction and conflicts are also subject to the course inquiries.

Special emphasis will be given to the importance of urban daily life and its relationship with urban and regional planning. Discussions about land uses, their interaction and urban problems are put into discussion from this perspective.

**Weekly Program:**

Week 1  The city: What is it, conceptual approaches, urbanisation process, types  
Week 2  The city and its context: rural, nature, interactions, networks and the region  
Week 3  Urban daily life, life between buildings, daily interactions, human scale  
Week 4  Components of contemporary city I: actors and conflicts, urban politics  
Discussion: Cities in art and culture...museum visit (weekend trip) – assignment I  
Week 5  Components of contemporary city II: Urban land uses  
Week 6  Components of contemporary city III: Interactions, necessities, conflicts and opportunities  
On site study: Land use interaction analysis...field trip to Başkent OSB / Fişeksan – assignment II  
Week 7  Urban planning I: history, urban problems, solutions, fields of expertise  
Week 8  Urban planning II: theory, practice, Turkish case, legislation  
Week 9  Urban planning III: planning in Turkey, actors, plans, examples,  
Media research: analysis of urban related media information – assignment III
Week 10 urban transportation (E.Babalık) / urban economics (E.Şenbil) / urban politics (Ç.Keskinok)

Week 11 GIS, remote sensing (A.Şenyel) / urban design (O.Çalışkan) / urban mitigation (M.Balaban)

Week 12 sustainability (B.Gedikli) / regional planning (A.Eraydın) / urban history (B.Erciyas)
space-human interaction (A.Barlas) / participation (A.Ataöv) / urban studies (S.Kayasü)

Evaluation and Grading:

The course has three evaluation work for students.

The first evaluation is composed of a set of three assignments. Primary assignment is about depicting an urban scene from the collection of Resim Heykel Müzesi and writing a very short story about that urban scene. The second one is about a survey analysis of each students’ local living area for the discovery of local relationships (home to work/work to home/work to work relationships, transportation systems and time management). The third and final assignment is about writing a scientific comment on an urban planning related journal article. (30 Points)

The second evaluation will be about the problem analysis of a definite urban area to be visited OR depicting problems from localities and representing. (30 points)

Depending on the course performance of the students the final exam will either be a written exam or a take home exam that will address the course content. (40 points)

Students are expected to come to the class on time while attendance is optional. Students with high participation rates (missing at most 2 classes) will receive 10 extra points at the final grades in addition to all best wishes of the lecturer 😊

Learning Outcomes:

The course did not designed to provide to the point answers to all questions about cities and urbanisation process. Instead, students are expected to understand the complexity of cities with its internal and external relations, possible ways of intervention within the framework of urban planning. It is also intended that students reach to a level of curiosity and critical thinking for further researches, and establish sense of responsibility towards urbanisation process and planning practices in Turkey. As part of their personal assets the course also targets the improvement of student’s creativity, rhetoric and discussion abilities through in class discussions and different assignments.

Selected References:

General readings:


Novels:


Çelik, Z., Favro, D., Ingersoll, R. (ed.) (2007) Şehirler ve Sokaklar, Kitap Yayınevi: İstanbul. (also available in English)


Urban Planning:


Regional Planning:


Everyday Life:


