CRP 479 - IMPLEMENTATIONAL ASPECTS OF URBAN PLANNING WITH REFERENCE TO LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Course Code: 1210479
METU Credit (Theoretical-Laboratory hours/week): (3-0)3
ECTS Credit: 5.0
Department: City And Regional Planning
Language of Instruction: Turkish and English
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Course Coordinator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özcan Altaban
Offered Semester: Spring Semesters.

Course Objective
Being an elective course, the syllabus aims to present current issues and debates on the planning legislation related to urban regeneration, public administration, public services, privatization of public land, sectoral planning laws, housing policies, professional ethics and similar subjects all of which are closely attached to the implementation of plans and the practice of planners involved in professional life.

Course Content
Specifically, the content of this course is flexible and changeable according to popular professional discussions and daily problems of urban planning. Within this comprehension, following topics are launched:

- Restructuring of public administration; related policy concepts in the international and national agendas; principle of devolution of powers; principle of local administration;
- Legislative alterations in the practice of “public services”; conceptual shift in the understanding of “public interest”;
- Recent laws local administrations; arguments in governance and subsidiarity;
- New plan technologies in the sectoral fragmentation of planning practice in Turkey;
- Exercise of the “right to property” in historical development; precedence of public interest in planning activities;
- Public goods and their juristical qualifications; public control mechanisms;
- Expropriation; Land replotting and “share of the partnership arrangement” issues in plan implementation cases;
- Privatization; public lands; nationalization;
- Disaster legislation of Turkey; progressive changes in disaster management
applied to public administration.

Learning Outcomes
This course is basically oriented for students who wish to get acquaintance with juristical rules of urban planning. By the end of the course, the students will have the ability, in legal knowledge, to understand and discuss spatial planning problems of everyday urban life. Legal terminologies and law jargon expected to be learnt. Aiming to undertake a profession as a planner, the students of this curriculum will get interested for juristical court cases and verdicts. In their concern of search of legal topics and documents, what type of laws and regulations do exist and where this document can be provided will not pose difficulties of finding the written sources.