

## **COURSE CONTENT**

<b>Course Code / Title</b>	: HP3206 Environmental Psychology
<b>Pre-requisites</b>	: HP1000 Introduction to Psychology and HP1100 Fundamentals of Social Science Research or CS2008 Fundamentals of Research
<b>No. of AUs.</b>	: 3
<b>Contact Hours</b>	: 39

### **Course Aims**

This course is about the study of interactions between individuals and their physical settings. In these interactions, individuals change the environment, and their behavior and experiences are changed by the environment. Environmental psychology includes theory, research, and practice aimed at improving your relationship with the natural and built environment. An understanding of the interaction between humans and their environments is beneficial for those who desire to work in the spheres of research, engineering, city planning, and policymaking.

The goal of this course is to provide the foundations to understand environmental psychology – the understanding of person-environment interactions and the application of that understanding to solve real-world problems that many face. To achieve this goal, you will be exposed to a thorough understanding of the internal characteristics that filter or digest external factors. Being critical and relevant to almost every human activity, environmental psychology is an exciting and important field in psychology.

### **Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)**

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

- 1 Describe basic theories in environmental psychology
- 2 Define, compare and contrast the properties of basic frameworks in environmental psychology
- 3 Explain mind-environment transactions in real life with the basic frameworks in environmental psychology
- 4 Critically think and scientifically examine the interaction between mind and physical environment

## Course Content

- Introduction, Environmental Attitudes
- Personality & Personal Space
- Crowding
- Urban Environmental Psychology
- Place Attachment
- Educational Environment
- Work Environment
- Natural Environment
- Climate Change
- Sustainability

## Course Assessment

CA1	Test/Quiz (Midterm Quiz)	:	20%
CA2	In-class Group Activity	:	10%
CA3	Group Project	:	20%
EXAM	Final examination	:	50%
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	<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

## Reading and References

Gifford, R. (2014). Environmental Psychology: Principles and practice, 5th ed., Optimal Books. ISBN:9780993771903

NOTE: The above listing comprises the foundational readings for the course and more up-to-date relevant readings will be provided when they become available.

**Planned Weekly Schedule (subject to changes, if any)**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Course LO</b>	<b>Readings/ Activities</b>
Week 1	Introduction	1	Chapter 1, Appendix
Week 2	Environmental Attitudes	1,2,3,4	Chapter 3
Week 3	Personality & Personal Space	1,2,3,4	Chapter 4 & 5
Week 4	Crowding	1,2,3,4	Chapter 6
Week 5	Place Attachment	1,2,3,4	Chapter 9
Week 6	Urban Environmental Psychology	1,2,3,4	Chapter 8
Week 7	Midterm Educational Environment	1,2,3,4	Chapter 10
Week 8	Work Environment	1,2,3,4	Chapter 11
Week 9	Natural Environment	1,2,3,4	Chapter 12
Week 10	Climate Change	1,2,3,4	Chapter 13
Week 11	Sustainability	1,2,3,4	Chapter 14
Week 12	Group Project Presentation	1,2,3,4	Presentation
Week 13	Summary of course	1,2,3,4	