

KING FAHD UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM & MINERALS**COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING****CRP 501 PLANNING THEORY**

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Abstract:

This course will address different theories of urban and regional development and planning. Conceptual physical structures and patterns of urbanized regions and districts. Some emphasis will be on the interaction as well as relationship between the physical structure and form of urbanized regions and the social, economic, cultural, and technological needs, resources and development of society. Some emphasis will also be on necessary decision making and planning procedures and the role of the planner, the public planning administration, the dimension of time (short, medium, and long range planning), the dimension of hierarchies (national, regional, local), comprehensive and strategic planning and others. Normative, prescriptive, and descriptive theories will be dealt with. Finally, there will be some emphasis on the characteristic of planning based on continuous changes in society, public participation and advocacy planning.

Pre-requisites: Graduate Standing.

Texts:

There is no specific textbook assigned to this course since it covers a range of different issues but most of the readings will be assigned from: Campbell, Scott & Fainstein, Susan (editors) *Readings in Planning Theory*, Blackwell Publishing, 2003.

Requirements & Grading:

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| 1. Attendance | 10% |
| 2. Mid term | 30% |
| 3. Projects: a) Group Project & Report | 20% |

4. Final Exam 40%

Final report presentation will be conducted for each student (schedule will be submitted later). Students should submit their projects on time. Projects & reports submitted late will be graded to the next lower grade e.g. A will be A-, B+ will be B ... etc.

Course Outline

Week 1:	Introduction
Week 2: Theory	What is Planning
Week 3: of Planning Theory	Definition and Scope
Week4: Process	The Planning
Week 5: Types	Planning Role &
Week 6:	Policy Analysis Mid-term Exam
Week 7:	Planning Theories
Week 8:	Planning Theories
Week 9: Decision	Rationality and
Week 10: Decision	Rationality and
Week 11:	Planning Ethics
Week 12:	Planning Ethics
Week 13: Profession	The Planning
Week 14: Theories	Future of Planning
Week 15: Presentations	Final review &
Submission	Term Papers