



Jordan University of Science and Technology
Faculty of Architecture And Design
Planning And Urban Studies Department

UP731 History Theory Of Urban Planning - JNQF Level: 9
First Semester 2025-2026

Course Catalog
<p>3 Credit Hours. This advanced course critically examines the historical and theoretical foundations of urban planning, exploring key ideas, models, and debates that shape the discipline. Drawing selectively from planning theory and history, it engages students in fundamental questions of planning practice, governance, and urban transformation across diverse economic, social, and geopolitical contexts. Through comparative analysis, students will critically assess planning traditions in both Western industrialized nations and rapidly urbanizing regions like China. The course also emphasizes the role of research methodologies in urban studies, fostering visionary and imaginative approaches to contemporary spatial planning challenges.</p>
<p>Teaching Method: Blended</p>

Class Schedule & Room

Mapping of Course Outcomes to Program Outcomes and NQF Outcomes	Course Outcome Weight (Out of 100%)	Assessment method
Critically discuss the legitimacy, authority, and governance of urban spaces, addressing conflicts over decision-making in city-building. [1L9K1, 1L9K2]	20%	
Analyze key theoretical debates on governance, public space, the right to the city, social polarization, technology, and temporary urbanism. [1L9K1, 1L9K2]	20%	
Develop critical capacities to use urban planning theories as analytical frameworks for research and practice. [1L9K1, 1L9K2]	20%	
Identify recurring themes in planning policy and practice at international, national, and local levels. [1L9K1, 1L9K2]	20%	
Investigate historical and contemporary planning theories, assessing how they operate under different economic, social, and geopolitical systems. [1L9K1, 1L9K2]	20%	

Relationship to Program Student Outcomes (Out of 100%)													
PLO1	PLO2	PLO3	PLO4	PLO5	PLO6	PLO7	PLO8	PLO9	PLO10	PLO11	PLO12	PLO13	PLO14

Relationship to NQF Outcomes (Out of 100%)	
L9K1	L9K2
50	50

Evaluation	
Assessment Tool	Weight
MIDTERM EXAM	25%
FINAL TASK	45%
Tasks	30%

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