

Syllabus of Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (BURP) Degree

1st Year / 1st Semester

Hum 171: Micro-Economics

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Introduction: Definition of Economics, concept of micro-economics. Utility, Demand and Supply Analysis: elasticity of demand and supply, consumer's surplus. Indifference Curve Analysis: Price line, consumer's equilibrium, marginal analysis. Theory of Production: Law of returns, rational region of production, profit maximization, small scale production and large scale production, optimization. Cost Analysis and Cost Curve: Short-run and long-run, fixed cost and variable cost. Concept of market and market structure: Classification of markets. Theory of Distribution: Marginal productivity theory, equity in income distribution.

Hum 125: English

2.0 credits; 2 hours/week theory

General Discussion: Introduction, Mastering Various Approaches to Learning English.

Grammatical Problem: Construction of Sentences, Grammatical Problems, Sentence variety and style, Conditionals, Grammar and Usages, Vocabulary and Diction.

English phonetics: The Phonetic systems and correct English Pronunciation.

Reading Skill: Discussing Readability, Scan and Skim Reading, Generating Ideas through Purposive Reading, The reading of Selected Stories.

Writing Skill: Principles of Effective Writing, Organization in writing, Planning and Development, Composition, Precis writing

General Strategies for the Writing Process: Generating Ideas, Identifying Audiences and Purposes, Constructing Arguments, Stating Problems, Drafting and Finalizing.

Approaches to Communication: Communication Today, Business communication, Organization and Organizational Behavior, Developing Intra-personal Interpersonal Relationship, Introducing Dialogue.

Specific Applications of: Tenders and Quotations, Resumes and Job Letters, Journal Articles, Technical and scientific Presentation.

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Chem 207: Basic Environmental Chemistry

3.0 Credits; 3 hours/week theory

Introduction to environmental science and its scope.

Radioactivity and radioactive particles; atomic structure. The periodic table; chemical bonds; acids and bases; concentration of solutions.

Organic Compounds, organic families and functional groups. Introduction to polymers.

Environment, environmental segments, lithosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere and atmosphere. Composition of atmosphere. Chemical species and particulates present in earth. Industrial hazards, air and water pollutants. Sources and different kinds of pollutants. Toxicity of pollutants. Discussion on the properties of water and waste water. Characteristics of waste water, concepts and measurement of DO, BOD, COD, etc. Transformation processes of pollutants.

Math 101: Mathematics - I

2.0 credits; 2 hours/week theory

Algebra and Geometry:

Algebra in system description. Graphs and Coordinate Geometry; linear equations, interpretation of linear inequalities, graphical solution of equations. Functions; definition, implicit and inverse

functions, the standard functions, the power function, the logarithmic function, the exponential function, trigonometric function, polynomial and rational functions, the hyperbolic function, the logistic function.

Matrix Algebra:

Definition of a matrix, algebra of matrices, multiplication of matrices, transpose of a matrix and inverse of matrix, rank and elementary transformation of matrices, solution of linear equations.

URP 111: Human Settlements Development

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

The origin and evolution of ancient human settlements and cities, their relation to resources, trade routes, and transportation; city planning in the ancient and medieval and pre-industrial revolution periods; the origins of modern urban planning, the emergence of modern cities and their planning concepts (Garden City, Vertical City, Linear City, Neighborhood concept, Radburn concept). Spatial structure of urban growth (concentric zone theory, sector theory, multiple nuclei theory).²

The concept of urbanization and the nature of urbanization with special emphasis on Bangladesh. Physical, social, political, economic, and technological factors of urban growth and development. Models of rural-urban migration. The effects of urbanization and their policy implications. The growth and development of towns and cities in Bangladesh.

URP 106: Basic Design

3.0 credits; 6 hours/week sessional

Forms in nature, their understanding and evolution; two dimensional composition, points, straight lines and curves, and geometric shapes; understanding and use of composition elements like balance, proportion, scale, harmony, movement, etc.

URP 116: Graphics for Planners

3.0 credits; 6 hours/week sessional

Lettering; mechanical and freehand drawings; use of scale and instruments; sectional and isometric views of solid geometric figures: plan, elevation, and section.

One and two point perspectives; shade and shadow of different projection drawings.

1st Year / 2nd Semester

URP 145: Elements of Architecture

2.0 credits; 2 hours/week theory

Introduction to Architecture and Architectural Design. Elements of composition: balance, scale, proportion, etc. Understanding of different architectural historical periods: Ancient, Classical, Roman, Gothic Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo. Different art movements and their impact. The cultural history of human development in different regions of the world as depicted in architecture. Environmental and regional influences on architecture. Trend of architecture in Bangladesh.

Hum 177: Macro-Economics

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Introduction: The concept of macro-economics, savings, investment and employment, national income. Theory of Employment: Classical and modern theory of employment. Inflation: Concept of inflation, measures for controlling inflation. Determinants of income and employment: consumption function. Investment function: Types of investment, marginal efficiency of capital. Unemployment and full employment: types of unemployment, unemployment and inflation. Multiplier and Accelerator. Money and Interest: The demand for money - supply of money - alternative theories of demand for money.

URP 113: Fundamentals of Planning**2 credits; 2 hours/week theory**

The basic generic concepts of planning: definition of planning, dimensions of planning, spatial versus sectoral planning, the variants of spatial and physical planning. The planning process—the different stages in the continuous and cyclical process. Roles of planners, decision makers and stakeholders in the planning process. Concepts of planning: rational approach, advocacy planning, adaptive planning, systems approach. Planning process in Bangladesh: sectoral and perspective planning at the national level, integrated area development planning at regional level and spatial planning at the local level.

Math 103: Mathematics - II**2.0 credits; 2 hours/week theory**

Differential Calculus:

Limit, continuity and differentiability, successive differentiation, maxima and minima of functions of single variable.

Integral calculus:

Integration by substitution and by parts, standard integrals, definite integrals, area under plane curves.

Differential Equation:

Solution of 1st order differential equation by various methods, solutions of general linear equations of 2nd and higher order.

URP 161: Surveying and Cartography**3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory**

Reconnaissance survey; traverse survey; levelling and contouring; land surveying; cartographic surveying; introductions to photogrammetry, remote sensing and global positioning system.

Types of maps; types of maps commonly used in Bangladesh. Measurement scales. Mapping techniques: physical models,

photomaps, sketch maps, cartograms. Map analysis and map interpretation. Relative and absolute position methods: Local grids, Geographical grids, Lambert's methods; Universal Transverse Mercator Grid. Land partitioning systems. Map projection techniques: planar, cylindrical, conical, etc.

URP 162: Surveying and Cartography Workshop**3.0 credits; 6 hours/week sessional**

3 weeks of field and studio works related to course Plan 161.

URP 196: Introduction to Computer Applications**1.5 credits; 3 hours/week sessional**

Overview of PC operating systems (Windows and DOS), creating formatted text documents in word processor, basic spreadsheet operations and functions, creating, editing, updating a database, query and retrieval of data and generation of reports.

URP 108: Communication and Presentation Techniques Studio**3.0 credits; 6 hours/week sessional**

Techniques for communicating via different media—oral presentations, reports, posters, broadcasting, film, multimedia, Websites; techniques of visual presentation—figures, diagrams, charts, maps, cartograms, photographic compositions, etc. Students will be required to prepare several presentations on different planning problems.

2nd Year / 3rd Semester**CE 203: Construction Materials****2.0 credits; 2 hours/week theory**

Types, preparation, properties and uses of materials - such as stone, brick, cement, sand, concrete, timber, soil, ferrous and non-ferrous metals and plastics. Specifications and quality control.

URP 211: Urban Planning Principles**3 credits; 3 hours/week theory**

Definition, objective and scope of urban planning. Urban functions, activities and land use components. Modern principles of planning—town centre, residential area, recreational area, industrial area, commercial area, transportation network, metropolitan region, satellite town, new town, special areas like airport, seaport, railway station, bus terminal.

URP 217: Site and Area Planning**3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory**

Introduction to site and area planning; types of site development. Site selection and analysis: natural factors, cultural factors, and aesthetic factors; land use and circulation; site drainage, grading and earthwork; alignment of horizontal and vertical curves. Site layout and development for residential, institutional, industrial, shopping, and other types of development. Subdivision planning. Landscape and planting.

URP 291: Statistics for Planners – I**3 credits; 3 hours/week theory**

Summarizing data: Frequency distribution and graphical presentations, statistical descriptions—samples and populations. Measures of central tendency—mean, median, mode. Measures of dispersion—range, mean deviation, variance and standard deviation, moments, skewness and kurtosis.

Basic probability distributions: discrete and continuous probability distributions—Binomial, Poisson and Normal distributions. Sampling and sampling distributions.

Decision analysis: statistical inference—estimation, point and interval estimation. Aggregation and index numbers.

Hum 179: Sociology**3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory**

Scope. Some basic Concepts. Social Evolution and Technique of Production. Culture and Civilization. Social Structure of Bangladesh. Population and Resources. Oriental and Occidental Societies. Industrial Revolution. Family - urbanization and industrialization. Urban Ecology. Rural Sociology. Sociology of Development and Underdevelopment. Socialization: Process of social learning; Socialization and family structure.

URP 204: Social and Physical Surveys**3 credits; 6 hours/week sessional**

Meaning of survey, types of surveys, purpose of surveys and their applications in planning.

Elements of social survey—units, subjects and spatial coverage. Social survey methods. Household survey and questionnaire preparation. Social survey data analysis methods. Students will be required to work on a topic which would involve elements of social survey, i.e., questionnaire design and preparation, coding, data collection and analysis as part of their studio work.

Physical survey: secondary survey on topography, land level, natural drainage and slope. Primary survey of land uses, transportation network, access ways, utilities and services network, types of structures, age of structures, land values, population density distribution etc.

URP 218: Site and Area Planning Studio**3.0 credits; 6 hours/week sessional**

Studio works related to course Plan 217. Practical and field works relating to site, area and land subdivision planning.

Hum 272: Developing English Skills**1.5 credits; 3 hours/week sessional**

Grammar: Tense, Article, Preposition, Subject Verb Agreement, Clause, Conditional and Sentence Structure.

Vocabulary Building: Correct and Precise Diction, Affixes, Level of Appropriateness; Colloquial and standard, Informal and Formal.

Developing Reading Skill: Strategies of Reading-Skimming, Scanning Prediction, Inferencing; Analyzing and Interpreting Variety of Texts; Practicing Comprehension from Literary and Non Literary Texts.

Developing Writing Skill: Sentences, Sentence Variety, Generating Sentences; Clarity and Correctness of Sentences; Linking Sentences to Form Paragraphs, Writing Paragraphs, Essays, Reports, Formal and Informal Letters.

Listening Skill and Note Taking: Listening to Recorded Texts and Class Lectures and Learning to Take Useful Notes Based on Listening.

Developing Speaking Skill: Oral Skills Including Communicative Expressions For Personal Identification, Life at Home, Giving Advice and Opinion, Instructions and Directions, Requests, Complaints, Apologies, Describing People and Places, Narrating events.

2nd Year / 4th Semester

URP 233: Landscape Planning and Design

2.0 credits; 2 hours/week theory

Introduction to landscape planning and its scope. Historical references landscape planning and design. Basic design methods and approaches. Ecological systems and climatic elements. Landscape conservation in macro and regional level. Landscape planning in urban scale for residential, recreational and commercial environments. Site development objectives and design principles. Plantation and plantation design.

URP 215: Urban Planning Techniques

3 credit; 3 hours/week theory

Functions, forms and contents of urban development plan, strategy plan, structure plan, master plan, local area plan, action plan, subject plan. Data and information need for planning, planning techniques applied in different stages of the urban planning process, techniques for urban renewal and upgrading (conservation, improvement and redevelopment), techniques for land development (land readjustment, guided land development). Planning standards for different urban functions, types of planning standards and their importance. Urban planning studies and techniques of analysis of population, employment, economic functions, shopping, housing, leisure and recreation. Implementation tools and development control.

URP 261: GIS and Remote Sensing

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Meaning of GIS and its application in planning. Essential elements of GIS. Data structures-raster data structures, vector data structures. Data acquisition-existing data sets, developing new data sets. Data management. Data manipulation and analysis. Remote sensing and image analysis - processing of remotely sensed digital data. Integration of remote sensing with GIS. Applications of GIS in planning.

URP 293: Statistics for Planners – II

3 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Decision Making: Statistical inference: hypothesis testing, inference about means, standard deviations and proportions; analysis of variance: Chi-Square test. Measurement scales. Nonparametric tests. Simple correlation and linear regression: Least-squares equation, goodness-of-fit criteria, standard errors, significance tests for coefficients. Simple curvilinear regression by variable transformation. Forecasting methods—time series analysis, causal and probabilistic methods. Population forecasting methods: arithmetic, geometric, decreasing rate of increase,

logistic, ratio and correlation, trend projection and cohort survival.

Hum 281: Political Science and Local Government

3.0 Credits; 3 hours/week theory

Some basic concepts of government and politics, functions, organs and forms of modern state and government. Government and politics of Bangladesh. Some major administrative systems of developed countries.

Local government system in Bangladesh and its evolution. Relations between national and local governments. Structure, composition and functions of local government bodies. Local level planning and resource mobilization. Problems and issues related to capacity building in local government bodies.

Hum 221: Public Finance

3 credit; 3 hours/week theory

Meaning and scope of public finance. Public expenditure: nature, principles and effects. Taxation: principles, types and effects. Public debt. The public budget: balanced and unbalanced budget. Deficit financing. Fiscal policies and their impacts. Public finance in Bangladesh: nature and structure of taxation, national budget and fiscal policies.

URP 296: Computer Applications in Planning

3.0 credits; 6 hours/week sessional Prerequisite Plan 196

Application of statistical techniques and techniques of urban and regional analysis through the use of application software such as SPSS, Excel etc. Important planning techniques to be covered include Population Projection, Economic Base Analysis, Industrial Structure Analysis, Input-Output Analysis etc. while statistical techniques include Frequency Distribution including Cross Tabulation, Graphical Presentation, Test of Independence, Analysis of Variance, Correlation and Regression Analysis etc.

URP 226: Landscape Planning Studio

3.0 credits; 6 hours/week sessional

Application of design and planning principles and techniques of landscape developments. Site analysis and study of landscape elements. Application of landscape conservation principles and strategies on regional level development process.

3rd Year / 5th Semester

CE 327: Elements of Solid Mechanics

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Force, resultants and components, moments and parallel coplanar forces, centroids, moment of inertia. Fundamental concepts of stress and strain. Mechanical properties of materials: stress and strain in members subject to tensile, compressive and shear forces; bending moment and shear force diagrams for statically determinate structures.

CE 307: Introduction to Water Resources Planning

3.0 Credits; 3 hours/week theory

Hydrologic cycle, precipitation, stream flow, evaporation and transpiration, rainfall-runoff relationship, hydrograph analysis, storm water drainage, groundwater occurrence and wells; behavior of alluvial rivers, navigation and dredging, river training and bank protection works; irrigation planning and methods of irrigation; flood mitigation approaches; integrated water resources management—economic, social, environmental and institutional aspects.

URP 321: Housing and Real Estate Development

3 credit; 3 hours/week theory

Social, physical, economic and cultural aspects of housing. Typology of housing. Nature of housing problems in Bangladesh

and scopes for housing development (including real estate development). Types and forms of ownership (single, multiple, tenancy in common, joint tenancy, general and limited partnership, syndicate, investment trust, condominiums, cooperatives etc.). Accessibility to housing by different income groups. Process of housing development. Housing finance and resource mobilization, housing package, credit facilities. Housing development and management in both public and private sectors. Role of various professional groups in housing sector development. Housing policies in Bangladesh and other developing countries. Social program and public policy for low income housing. Role of private formal sector in the housing sector of Bangladesh.

Real estate economics: characteristics of supply and demand. Real estate trade cycle (both long term and short term). Real estate instruments: contract, deed, lease, mortgage, broker and brokerage. Planning considerations for real estate development. Evaluation of real estate projects- cost estimation, feasibility study, environmental impact statement, implementation, monitoring and management. Regulatory measures to guide and monitor housing development and the developers.

URP 343: Traffic and Transportation Study

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Elements of transportation system. The land use and transport interaction. Fundamentals of landuse-transport planning. Fundamentals of transport demand and supply analysis. Urban transportation study: defining the study area and the network, volume study, O-D survey, parking survey, public transport survey, goods traffic survey, employment survey, inventory of physical infrastructure. Characteristics of different modes. Concepts of roadway capacity. Hierarchy of roads. Concept of environmental area; pedestrian traffic. Cross-sectional elements

of roadway. Parking. Planning standards for physical facilities. Traffic management.

Hum 225: Accounting

2.0 credits; 2 hours/week theory

Introduction to Accounting; Accounting equation; Business data processing—Transaction, Double entry mechanism, Journal, Ledger, Trial balance. Preparation of financial statement, financial statement analysis.

Long-term investment decision—Capital budgeting; Decision under uncertainty. Cost concept and classification; Cost-volume-profit analysis; Break-Even-Point & sensitivity analysis.

Taxation-Definition of tax; types of tax; Cannons of tax; Tax administration in Bangladesh; Tax holiday; Capital allowance; corporation tax; Tax credit.

Hum 271: Social Psychology

2.0 credits; 2 hours/week theory

Introduction to Social Psychology. The Nature of Social Psychology. Social factors in perceptual cognitive processes: Social perception; person perception. Social attitudes: The nature of attitude; the formation of attitude; the change of attitude. Process of social learning; Socialization and family structure. Emerging norms and conformity. Leadership. Youths and drugs: youths in Bangladesh; Sources of frustration among youths, drugs as a menace to the society and individuals.

URP 313: Land Economics

2 credits; 2 hours/week theory

Basic concepts of land economics. Land market. The demand for and supply of land resources. Population pressure and the demand for land. Determination of the requirements of land resources. Economic returns to land resources. The land development

process. Locational and institutional factors affecting land use. The value of land and the methods of land valuation.

URP 312: Urban Planning Studio

3.0 credits; 6 hours/week sessional

Case studies in urban studies and planning. Studio works related to course Plan 211 - practical and field works on urban planning.

URP 362: GIS and Remote Sensing Studio

3 credits; 6 hours/week sessional

Individual or group projects to analyze planning problems with the help of GIS and RS techniques.

3rd Year / 6th Semester

CE 329: Elements of Civil Engineering Structures

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory Prerequisite CE 327

Structural forms and systems for buildings, bridges, communication and transmission structures; loads on structures; types of foundation, concept of bearing capacity and settlement.

Introduction to design in reinforced and pre-stressed concrete; design codes.

URP 331: Rural Development Planning I

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Distinction between urban and rural areas. Analysis of rural settlement patterns. Social and cultural characteristics of rural communities. Meaning of rural development. The concept, nature and scope of integrated rural development. Integration of functional and spatial aspects in the context of rural development. Planning procedures for integrated rural development.

Resources for rural development - land, water, human, forest, livestock etc. Policies for rural resources development. Rural industrialization and rural centre planning. Rural development

programs in Bangladesh - past and present. Governmental and nongovernmental organizations involved in rural development activities. Problems and issues in local level rural planning in Bangladesh.

URP 345: Transportation Policy and Planning

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Transportation system in Bangladesh. The key issues in urban and national transport policy and implementation of transport plans and programs. Policy options in urban transportation; the role of different modes; cost structure. The transportation planning process at national, regional and urban levels. Fundamentals of transportation economics. Transportation and environment.

Local area transportation planning. System modeling and strategy development. Planning of transport infrastructure. Planning for urban public transportation. NMT planning and management. Demand management.

URP 333: Regional Development Planning

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Definition and types of regions. Regionalization and the delineation of planning regions. Levels of planning - national, regional, sub-regional and local. Need and scope of regional planning. Regional analysis: regional data base; income measures and regional social accounting; input-output analysis; industrial structure analysis; interregional trade multiplier analysis. Theories and models of regional growth: Aggregate growth models; industrial location theory; central place theory; growth pole theory; agropolitan growth. Regional growth - convergence or divergence. Regional development policies at home and abroad.

Policy issues: Place prosperity vs. people prosperity; economic development vs. regional growth. Regional distribution of public

investment - dispersal vs. concentration; balance vs. imbalance; growth vs. welfare; efficiency vs. equity. Policy instruments.

URP 355: Urban Design

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Historical overview of urban design - from tree dwelling to Renaissance. Definition of urban design, its aims and objectives. Elements of design - unity and space, proportion and scale, balance, uniformity and contrast, etc. and their application in urban design. Urban aesthetics. Urban spaces and their types and perception. City planning and design according to artistic principles, approaches and levels of analysis.

URP 323: Neighborhood Planning and Community Development

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Concept of neighborhood; the physical, spatial, social, economic, political and cultural aspects of neighborhood planning; neighborhood functions, service facilities and their standards; upgrading of service facilities; functional and environmental improvement; spatial organization.

The issues in community development; problems in urban communities of Bangladesh; community based organizations (CBOs); public participation in community development, community revitalization, service management and economic development in low income urban communities especially in the slums and squatter settlements.

URP 393: Operations Research and Systems Analysis

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Introduction to operations¹³ research. Techniques for analyzing interconnected policy decision areas. Optimization techniques in the decision making process; elements of mathematical

programming: linear programming, graph theory, network analysis; fundamentals of simulation techniques, queuing theory. Systems approach in planning.

URP 396: Programming Techniques

2 credits; 4 hours/week sessional

Exercises for developing algorithms for simple computer programs for data analysis and solving planning problems; programming exercises in a high level language like C/C++ involving, inter alia, reading data from files, using different data types, iterative and conditional processing and producing formatted outputs.

URP 332: Rural Planning Studio

3.0 credits; 6 hours/week sessional

Individual or group projects involving application of planning techniques for analyzing problems related to rural development planning.

4th Year / 7th Semester

URP 400: Project/Thesis

6.0 credits; 6 hours/week/term (for 2 terms)

Major individual studies on real world topics related to planning, development, implementation or policy issues. The objective is to develop initiative, self reliance, creative ability and some planning experience for the students. The outcomes of the study must be submitted in a comprehensive report following a standard format of presentation acceptable to the Department along with appropriate drawings, maps, charts, etc.

URP 401: Project Evaluation and Management

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Project cycle. Concepts of evaluation: the efficiency versus equity criteria, economic versus financial evaluation; methods of evaluation; the welfare basis of social evaluation: consumers surplus, producers surplus, Pareto optimality, transfer payments, intangible items, shadow pricing, externalities, equity problem; concept of social cost benefit analysis; time value of money; discounting technique; choice of discount rate and social time preference; investment criteria; basic concepts of financial accounting; dealing with risk and uncertainty. Introduction to other techniques of evaluation. Appraisal requirements by national and international financing agencies. Concept of project management, introduction to different management techniques.

URP 403: Legal Basis of Planning
3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Legal aspects of planning and its importance. Enabling legislation process. Planning laws in different countries. The Development Plan (structure and local) process and need for legislation. Development control-planning permission, development orders, special forms of control. New town development laws. Compensation and betterment problems. Urban renewal practice. Planning laws in Bangladesh. Pourashava Ordinance, Town Improvement Act, East Bengal Building Construction Act, Building Regulations of RDA. Land acquisition and compensation rules and regulations. The meaning of development-the control of development including planning permission, development orders, purchase notice, the enforcement of planning controls, compensation and betterment problems with reference to Bangladesh.

URP 451: Environmental Planning and Management
3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Theories of natural systems. Concepts important to environmental planning. The environmental impacts of human actions. The

environmental planning procedures: Defining planning area; inventory of environmental resources; assessment of environmental impacts - impact identification, impact measurement and impact evaluation. Mitigation of environmental impacts: impact prevention measures; impact management measures. Case studies in environmental management.

CE 441: Basic Environmental Engineering
3.0 credits; 3 hours/week

Water Supply: objectives and basic elements of water supply system; water requirements; water requirements; population prediction and water demand assessment; fire demand; planning of water supply systems - sources, abstraction, transmission, treatment and distribution.

Sanitation: urban and rural sanitation; low-cost sanitation technologies; elements of a conventional water borne system - collection, transportation, treatment and disposal; planning of sanitation systems.

Environmental pollution - air, water and soil, and noise pollution

URP 417: Planning of Tourism and Recreational Facilities
3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Key concepts in recreation planning. Recreation needs and resources. Functions and classification of open space, parks, and recreation areas. Analyses of demand, supply and use pattern. Parks and open space standards - approaches to developing standards. Selection of sites. The recreation space master plan and its components. Implementation strategies.

URP 431: Rural Development Planning II
3 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Rural-urban disparities; rural-urban linkages and rural-urban migration; people's participation and rural development; Rapid Rural Appraisal and Participatory Rural Appraisal; rural services

and utilities development (transport, water supply, sanitation, electrification and extension services); rural economic and social sectors development—agriculture, rural non-farm activities, community development, women’s empowerment, health and nutrition, education; rural growth centre development in Bangladesh; strengthening local level institutions and rural development in Bangladesh; NGOs and rural development; rural poverty and micro credit programs for rural poverty alleviation; disaster management planning in rural areas; practices and experiences of rural development in developed and developing countries.

URP 446: Transportation Planning Studio
3.0 credits; 6 hours/week sessional

Case studies in transportation studies and planning. Workshops on local area transport planning, vehicular and pedestrian circulation plan for residential area, shopping complex, precinct, and other practical and field works related to courses Plan 343 and 345.

URP 434: Regional Planning Studio
3.0 credits; 6 hours/week sessional

Individual or group projects involving application of planning techniques for analyzing problems related to regional development planning.

URP 470: Internship
Non-credit; 4 weeks;

4 weeks of internship in a planning related job at an organization/firm prescribed by the department. Performance will be evaluated based on report submitted by the intern and evaluation of the reporting officer at the organization/firm. Grade awarded shall be 'S' for satisfactory and 'U' for unsatisfactory.

4th Year / 8th Semester

URP 400: Project/Thesis
6.0 credits; 6 hours/week/term (for 2 terms)

Major individual studies on real world topics related to planning, development, implementation or policy issues. The objective is to develop initiative, self reliance, creative ability and some planning experience for the students. The outcomes of the study must be submitted in a comprehensive report following a standard format of presentation acceptable to the Department along with appropriate drawings, maps, charts, etc.

URP 413: Urban Management and Governance
3 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Important factors influencing urban management. Principles, tools and methods of management. Organizations involved in urban management and their functions: service functions, regulatory functions, urban planning and development, staff management, financial administration, public relations, intergovernmental relations. Community participation in urban management.

Definition and scope of governance. Aspects of and stake holders in urban governance in Bangladesh. Problems of governance in large cities.

URP 405: Development Planning
3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

The nature of development planning. The rationale for planning in developing economies. Phases of development plan - the macro phase (national), the middle phase (regional), and the micro phase (micro regional). Aims, objectives and procedures of planning at different phases. Relationships among the macro, middle and the micro phase.

Formulation of development plans: Use of models in planning - aggregate models, sector models, and inter-sectoral models. Important considerations in choosing particular models. Some problems of development planning: The concept of capital-output ratio; the choice of technique; investment criteria.

Development planning in Bangladesh: Organizations involved in national, regional and local level planning. Types of national plans. The process of approval of plans. Processing of development projects and the use of standard proforma. Political factors in development planning in Bangladesh. Assessment of development plans of Bangladesh.

URP 407: Urban and Regional Economics

3 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Urban economics: Nature and functions of cities. urban spatial structure: models of urban spatial structure; models of intra-urban location decisions. Urban growth: the economic base and urban growth; the human ecological approach to urban growth; communication theory and urban growth; city size and urban growth. Nature of urban problems: land use, housing, urban transportation, urban environment and urban poverty. The urban public sector: urban fiscal problems; methods of financing urban government expenditures.

Regional economics: The region as a concept. Regional structure: systems of cities; industrial location patterns; transportation and the spatial organization of economic activities. Measurement and change in regional economic activity: regional accounts; interregional theory of income and trade; regional economic growth. Regional policy: the national interest and regional objective; aggregate efficiency and interregional equity; alternative strategies for problem regions.

URP 415: Planning of Utility and Municipal Services

3 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Nature of urban and rural services. Comparison between physical and social infrastructure services. Needs for services according to age groups: population pyramids and needs for social services.

Planning, funding, provision, management and maintenance of basic utility services in urban areas: water supply, sewerage, drainage, electricity supply, gas and telephone, and associated problems: under-funding, under-investment, cost recovery, inadequate maintenance, lack of coordination and ineffective management. Participation and partnership in urban services management.

Types of municipal services: transport infrastructure, street lighting, water supply, solid waste management, parks and open spaces, graveyards, markets, slaughter house, basic services for slums, public health and education. Revenue sources of city corporations and municipalities, and problems faced in the delivery of services and collection of taxes.

URP 419: Land Development and Management

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

Land management in Bangladesh: land records, transfer, taxation, legal aspects. Urban and rural land policies in Bangladesh and other neighboring countries. Urban land development techniques: land bank, excess condemnation, guided land development, land readjustment. Land subdivision. Land market in Bangladesh. Land Information System (LIS): essential elements, planning and designing an LIS, data acquisition, data management, data manipulation and analysis, applications for planning, development control and management purposes.

URP 453: Environmental and Resource Economics

3.0 credits; 3 hours/week theory

An introduction to welfare economics examining basic concepts including consumer surplus, Pareto optimality, externalities and the welfare of future generations. Alternative economic

approaches to pollution and congestion control, costing, the role of taxes and subsidies, the sale of pollution rights, the use of environmental standards and pollution control technology. Cost effectiveness analysis. Basic concepts of social cost-benefit analysis. Economic theories relating to resource depletion and conservation.

URP 471: Natural Hazards and Disaster Management

3 credits; 2 hours/week theory, 2 hours/week sessional

Meaning of hazard and disaster, types of hazards, assessment of hazards, vulnerability analysis, risk assessment, analysis of disaster-related behavior pattern, people's awareness and perception of hazards and response to danger, disaster management cycle, disaster management planning, links between development planning and disaster management planning, social considerations and people's participation in disaster management, institutional framework for disaster management. Hands-on exercises on hazard and risk assessment, land use planning with emphasis on vulnerability reduction etc.

URP 402: Project Planning Studio

2.0 credits; 4 hours/week sessional

Case studies in project evaluation. Project formulation practices and approval procedure in Bangladesh. Preparation of project documents: PPs and TAPPs; workshops related to course URP 401.

URP 412: Participatory Planning Workshop

3.0 credits; 6 hours/week sessional

Local level planning and its importance. Contexts of local level planning. Approaches to local level planning. Guidelines for local level planning. People's participation in planning—meaning and types of participation. Approaches to participation-organizational and functional. Problems of participation.

Group projects involving application of participatory approach to planning for the preparation of local level plans.

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