

**The University of Jordan**  
**School of Engineering – Department of Architecture Engineering**  
**Housing in Developing Countries (0902737)**  
**First Semester 2016/2017**  
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This course explored the divergent motivations and resultant dynamics among international funders, national ministries, local authorities, and project benefactors in housing project development. Issues of development were tested against actual projects in a comparative format. The course was intended as an introduction and understanding of current issues in Third World housing policies and projects, and particularly for those interested in a practical understanding of how projects are prepared by development agencies.

**Course Description:**

- **Urban Planning issue:** The use and value of urban planning, Why do we need urban planners? Performances in planning cities: success and failures, an urban planning methodology.
- **Urban Design Issue:** What is Urban, Design Urban Design Principles, The Importance of Urban Design, Key Aspects of Design, Creating the Urban Structure, Blocks: Perimeter Blocks, Block size, Block Shape, Block Interiors, Making the Connections: Walking, Cycling, Public Transport, Streets and Traffic, Parking and Servicing. Detailing the Place: The quality of detailing, Positive Outdoor Space. Building Lines and Setbacks. Density facilities and form.
- **Housing affordability:** When is housing affordable? Household and housing costs, homeownership and affordability, renting and affordability, Understanding the Shortage, Increasing the cost of housing: The role of local government regulations, Homelessness, solving the Affordability problem.
- Housing Finance in Emerging Economies; why Housing Finance, How to Expand Housing Finance, World Bank Strategy.
- **Informal Settlements in Amman:** Urban Growth, Land Use and Zoning, Institutional Framework, land Tuner, Relocation.
- **Improving the Quality of Housing:** What do we mean by Improving the Quality of Housing? Who should be involved in improving the Quality of Housing?
- **Influence of Housing choice & behaviors:** Human Ecology Model, Meets needs, Human Ecology and housing needs, conceptual Framework for Influences on Housing Choice, Housing choice, Values Behaviors in the Home Environment.

- **Permanent Supportive Housing:** What are Evidence-based Practices? Examples of Evidence – Based Practices? What are Promising practices? What is Permanent Supportive Housing? Dimensions of Permanent Supportive Housing Fidelity Scale, Choice in Housing, permanent supportive Housing Models.
- **Sustainable Housing: Architecture of Hassan Fathy (New Gourna- Egypt)**

## Evaluation

Midterm exam&Works: 60%

Final Exam: 40%

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