

AAR504: ARCHITECTURAL SCIENCE I

Course Name (English)	ARCHITECTURAL SCIENCE I APPROVED		
Course Code	AAR504		
MQF Credit	2		
Course Description	A study of the principles of light, visual comfort, and the importance of daylighting and natural ventilation in sustainable architectural. It will also cover thermal factors in building design.		
Transferable Skills	Creative and innovative solution provider		
Teaching Methodologies	Lectures, Lab Work, Case Study, Tutorial		
CLO	CLO1 Demonstrate the utilisation and effects of environmental sciences in building design. CLO2 Discuss the application of environmental sciences in building design.		
Pre-Requisite Courses	No course recommendations		

Topics

1. Principles of Illumination

- 1.1) Nature of light, task lighting, lighting levels
- 1.2) Contrast, colour of light, space geometry

2. Daylighting

- 2.1) Climate and light, daylight factor concept 2.2) Design variables, design sky concept, daylight requirements

3. Problems in Daylighting

3.1) Daylighting in the Tropics (Hot Humid zone), glare

4. Thermal Comfort Factors

- 4.1) Temperature, humidity, radiation, rainfall, wind, vegetation 4.2) Body's thermal balance and metabolism
- 4.3) Human response to thermal environment

5. Comfort Zone

- 5.1) Basic climatic factors that effect human comfort
- 5.2) Comfort zone, Bioclimatic chart and its usage
- 5.3) Basic psychometric chart

6. Natural ventilation and air movement

- 6.1) Functions6.2) Provisions of ventilation; stack effect, wind effects, external features.
- 6.3) Indoor environment quality (IEQ)

7. Heat Exchange in Buildings

- 7.1) Heat gain, heat loss and Sol-air temperature.
- 7.2) Solar gain factors

8. Thermal Quantities of Building Materials

- 8.1) Sensible heat, specific heat and latent heat 8.2) Heat transmission, "U" value and "Time lag"
- 8.3) Reduction of solar heat gain through the fabric and openings

9. Balance House

9.1) Adapting to climate: planning, orientation, form and construction

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Assessment Breakdown	%
Continuous Assessment	40.00%
Final Assessment	60.00%

Details of					
Continuous Assessment	Assessment Type	Assessment Description	% of Total Mark	CLO	
		Assessment on the application of environmental sciences in building design.	40%	CLO2	

Reading List	Reference Book Resources	M.J Crosbie 2004, Architecture and Science, Images Publishing Reynolds, John S. 2002, Courtyards: Aesthetics, Social and Thermal De, USA: John Wiley & Sons, Inc Brown, G.Z. 2001, Sun, Wind and Light: Architectural Design Str, USA: John Wiley & Sons, Inc Bunham, R. 1969, The Architecture of the Well Tempered Environ, London, Architectural Press	
Article/Paper List	This Course does not have any article/paper resources		
Other References	This Course does not have any other resources		

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