

# AH312 Environmental Psychology (2-0-0)

Human beings are in constant interaction with the environment. With the growth of civilization, men are making more and more artificial environments, and architects and planners play a significant role in this process. The present course is designed to acquaint the students with some fundamental aspects of the course content.

## **Module-1**

Environmental Psychology- What is it and its relation to Architecture and planning. Meaning of environment; Measurement of environmental stimuli from psychological aspect  
Behavioral effects of Environmental conditions.

- a. Physical - Noise, Temperature and air pollution
- b. Social- Overcrowding and isolation.
- c. Extra ordinary- Catastrophe.

## **Module-2**

Perceptual factors of environment- perception of distance. Size and movement. Meaning of colour and form. Social and Cultural influences on environmental perception.

## **Module-3**

Personal space- individual and situational as determinants of personal space. Consequences of too much or too little of

Personal space. Personal space and environmental space as implications for design aspects.

## **Module-4**

Psychological aesthetics - Measurement of communication through art; determination of pleasantness and unpleasantness as psychological factors in environmental design.

Adaptation to environment - Behavioral aspects of adaptation to familiar and unfamiliar environment.