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Objective

To impart knowledge about sociological and psychological implications in designing built environment. The focus is on understanding man-environment relationship, behavioural dynamics with respect to spatial pattern, and methods of conducting behavioural studies.

Module1

SPATIAL IMPLICATIONS OF SOCIOLOGY

Difference in lifestyle due to socio-economic background, and then implication in architectural design. Sociological aspects in the history of evolution of housing or shelter forms. Room use, geometry & meaning, Personal space, adjacencies, Territoriality.

Module 2

SOCIOLOGY AND PLANNING

Essential elements of society: Rural and Urban communities. Growth of socio cultural factors through ages, dynamics of urban growth and social change, Behavioral assumptions in planning.

Module 3

SOCIO-PSYCHOLOGICAL DIMENSIONS

Social aspects of physical environment, Perceptual dimension of space, Psychological aesthetics Patterns of activity in time and space across different demographies, social & psychological issues in neighbourhoods and public spaces, environmental cognition.

Module 4

METHODS FOR BEHAVIOURAL STUDIES

Social survey and social research, Cognitive mapping, activity/adjacency relationship matrices, Area use frequency program, charts, pictograms, case studies, field work.

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