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# COURSE GUIDE / SYLLABUS

SUBJECT

## TOWN PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN II

**Degree in Fundamentals of  
Architecture and Urbanism  
Universidad de Alcalá**

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**Academic Year 2023/2024**  
4th Course – 2nd Semester

**COURSE GUIDE / SYLLABUS**

Name:	<b>TOWN PLANNING &amp; URBAN DESIGN II</b>
Code:	<b>256029</b>
Degree:	<b>Degree in Fundamentals of Architecture and Urbanism</b>
Department and field of study:	<b>ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT. URBAN AREA</b>
Type of subject:	<b>Mandatory</b>
ECTS credits:	<b>6</b>
Course:	<b>Fourth year / second term</b>
Faculty:	<b>Emilio Ontiveros</b>
Tutoring schedule:	<b>To be determined</b>
Language:	<b>English</b>

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The course *Town Planning & Urban Design II* approaches the study of urban morphology and planning from the standpoint of knowledge gathered over pre-industrial, industrial and post-industrial case studies, with comparative references to important Spanish study cases.

It is both a theoretical and a practical subject, using approximately four hours per week in two sessions, including both theoretical lectures and design workshops (outlines, presentations, reviews)

The theory part develops along ten lessons, which include both academic and professional lectures.

The practical part involves two long exercises, set up as design workshops, coordinated with each other and with the theoretical aspects of the subject.

Those practices will be related to a contemporary urban issue, chosen by the faculty in each academic term. The workshop design would be carried out in groups (three students maximum).

## 2. COMPETENCES / SKILLS

### COMMON COMPETENCES / SKILLS:

Knowledge about the basic tools of town planning and the main techniques involved in the urban generation processes.

### SPECIFIC COMPETENCES / SKILLS:

Capacity for analysis, ideation and development of Partial Plans and urban intervention projects.

Ability to understand, apply, elaborate and change urban regulations and ordinances. Skills to design and execute urban planning and urban design projects. Basic knowledge about the mechanisms to elaborate and manage urban planning and design management at a metropolitan scale.

## 3. CONTENTS

Content segments	Lectures, Credits, Hours. (Total)
<b>I. THE PREINDUSTRIAL CITY</b>  <b>1. Beginnings of the Industrial Revolution in Europe: Town Planning in the Enlightenment era</b>	0,6 Cr.
<b>2. Spain: Town Planning in the Enlightenment era</b>	0,6 Cr.
<b>3. Origins of the Spanish Industrial City: the expansion plans.</b>	0,6 Cr.

<b>II. THE INDUSTRIAL CITY</b>  <b>4. Origins of the industrial town planning in North America.</b>	0,6 Cr.
<b>5. Origins of modern town planning: from Utopia to Garden city</b>	0,6 Cr.
<b>6. The birth of the Urban discipline.</b>	0,6 Cr.
<b>7. Urbanism of the Modern Movement</b>	0,6 Cr.
<b>III. THE POSTINDUSTRIAL CITY</b>  <b>8. Post-war Urbanism (1945-60)</b>	0,6 Cr.
<b>9. Suburbia</b>	0,6 Cr.
<b>10. Future urban planning and design</b>	0,6 Cr.

## Contents Program

month	week	Theory / Lecture	Activity / Workshop
September	1	0. Subject introduction	<b>Intro to 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop</b>
	2	1. Preindustrial/Europe-USA	Workshop I.1
	3	2. Preindustrial/Spain	Workshop I.2
	4	3. Expansion plans	Workshop I.3
	5	4. North America	Workshop I.4
October	6	<b>Critical Session 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Workshop Final Presentation</b>
	7	5. Utopia and Garden City	<b>Intro to 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop</b>
	8	6. Town planning as Discipline	Workshop II.1
	9	7. Modern Movement	Workshop II.2
November	10	8. Post-war	Workshop II.3
	11	9. Suburbia	Workshop II.4
	12	10. Future	Workshop II.5
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December Christmas leave January	14	<b>Critical Session 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop Final Presentation</b>
		<b>Theoretical TEST</b>	
<b>Total 2<sup>nd</sup> Term</b>			

### 4. TEACHING-LEARNING METHODOLOGIES. EDUCATIONAL / TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Total hours:	6 credits; 25 hours/credit =	<b>150 hours</b>
Classroom hours / theory lectures	10x2=	<b>20 hours</b>
Classroom hours / critical sessions	2x2=	<b>4 hours</b>
Classroom hours / tests and test preparation	1x2=	<b>2 hours</b>
Classroom hours / Activity workshop	9x2=	<b>18 hours</b>
Classroom hours / presentations	4x2=	<b>8 hours</b>
Total Classroom hours, theory and workshops		<b>52 hours</b>
Student's independent work hours / theoretical study and practice		<b>98 hours</b>

## 5. METHODOLOGICAL STRATEGIES, EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

Town planning II is both a theoretical and a practical subject, where the main methodological strategy consists on establishing a close relation among the different theoretical lectures and content given in the lectures and the town planning workshops, constantly, through the span of the course.

The activities' format allows for experimentation and learning through team work, as well as through discussions between teams and lecturers over contemporary urban issues. This method hopes to grow a reflexive and critical attitude towards urban phenomena.

Educational materials and resources include: faculty presentations on a contemporary urban issue or predicament by means of lectures and given documentation, both written and graphic; theoretical lectures at the beginning of the weekly sessions, preceding the activities' timeslots; guest lecturers and professionals with a strong bond to the course's topics and dynamics; selected text reading, supplementing or expanding the activities content; the activities' introductions, which are given in writing and commented in class; the Critical Sessions, where faculty and students asses together the targets of the activities' outlines, and where solutions are compared among the different teams.

## 6. EVALUATION: Evaluation processes and grading criteria.

Town Planning II makes use of continuous evaluation, therefore allowing the assessment of the students' learning throughout the course.

Both the practical and theoretical aspects of the subject are weighed in the final mark: 60% of the total comes out of the practical activities in workshops, and 40% from the theory test. In order to pass, any student needs a minimum of 4 over 10 in both parts of the subject, and the weighted average must sum over 5.

The theoretical part is graded upon results of the written tests, based on lectures, supporting writings and recommended bibliography.

The grade for the workshops' activities is set as an average of the marks of the two workshops hold during the course. Again, in order to pass, any student needs a minimum of 4 over 10 in both workshops, and the weighted average must sum over 5.

Those students who do not pass the course will have the right to take the ordinary and extraordinary exams. The mark of these final exams will be composed of a theoretical part -evaluated through an exam, representing 40% of the total score- and the presentation of all practices of the course, representing the other 60%. As in the course, any student needs a minimum of 4 over 10 in both parts of the subject, and the weighted average must sum over 5.

Exceptionally, as noted under article 10 of the UAH's Norm for Learning Evaluation, those students who request it (and follow the Norm procedures), will be entitled to a Final Evaluation. This will require the completion of a written theoretical test (similar to those held during the course or in the ordinary or extraordinary calls) and a practice, that the student will fulfil individually for approximately 10-15 days, until its delivery, on a date set by the teacher the same day of the theoretical test.

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If Health Authorities consider necessary to suspend the face-to-face teaching activity, or if the circumstances of the subject require it, the teaching, or part of it, will continue with the online methodology until the suspension is lifted, at which point the face-to-face modality will be resumed.

The University of Alcalá guarantees its students that, if due to health requirements the competent authorities impede, totally or partially, the face-to-face teaching activity, the teaching plans will achieve their objectives through a methodology of teaching-learning and evaluation in online format, which will return to the face-to-face mode as soon as the mentioned impediments cease.

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