

SUBJECT NAME – THEORY OF ARCHITECTURE

SUBJECT CODE – 3346205

FOCUS:

To understand various concepts that lead to define “Theory of Architecture”. To develop ability to evaluate/understand our ‘built environment’.

CONTENTS:

- The proposed course primarily focuses on identifying various underlying covert, overt concepts, which are responsible to create our built environment. The question to be debated throughout the duration of the course is ‘whether there is anything like theory of architecture? Or is there an absolute theory of architecture?’
- The attempt will be made to understand various theories, namely, spatial concepts such as existential space, Euclidian space, physical space, perceptual space, conceptual space, behavioral space, interwoven space, space, positive/negative space, directional space, non directional space etc., theory of aesthetics, theory of semiotics, theories of human behavior (from behavioral sciences), theories of form, morphology, normative theory, positive theory and also Kantian concept of beauty.

SUGGESTED BOOKS

- Creating Architectural Theory- The Role of the Behavioral Sciences in Environmental Design, by Jon Lang
- The Theory of Architecture – ‘concepts, themes and practices’ by Paul-Alan Johnson
- Personal space- the behavioral basis of design by Robert Sommer