

Graduate Seminar in Urban Design and Landscape Architecture

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Meeting time & place: Mondays 16:00 - 18:00

This course is meant to give students practice speaking in front of a scientific audience and to explore topics in detail. Students will research topics and organize presentations for program instructors. The topics may be any aspect of the urban design/landscape architecture topics or subject of your thesis and must be approved by the instructor in advance.

This course is focused on developing a student's research skills in preparation for the proposed thesis. Students will be guided through research of peer-reviewed journal articles and research methodologies as they relate to the field of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture. Faculty will guide students through written review of research and current practices in preparation for the LAUD 600 Thesis Course.

Expectations:

Attendance at each seminar is mandatory for all students enrolled. In addition, students are expected to attend all other seminars in the department, such as invited guest speakers. It is expected that students will actively participate by asking questions of the speaker. The effort by students to meet these expectations will be considered in the determination of your final grade. Due dates will be established for topics, abstracts, and announcements. Failure to meet deadlines will also be taken into account in final grading. You need to turn in a tentative title, a paragraph or two describing the topic, as well as several pertinent references (5-8 is sufficient). As with all assignments, proof-read your work for grammar and spelling. Use a citation format approved by Institute of Natural and Applied Sciences, and be consistent in your format.

You should strive for professionalism in all aspects of this class. Whereas most students choose to use PowerPoint to present their seminar, overheads, 35-mm slides or the chalkboard are also acceptable media for visual aids. Abstracts should be concise (<250 words), well written and free of grammatical and typographical errors. Be sure to tell complete story with your abstract. The abstract will also serve as an announcement and should include the time, date, and location of your seminar.

Each student will give two 20-minute presentations. Your first one will be a practice seminar in front of the class. Class members (and I) will take notes on various aspects of your seminar and give you immediate feedback and constructive criticism. For the second one, we will invite the entire department. Your seminar should cover several (3-4, or more) related papers in a given area. Tell a complete story about your chosen topic. You are encouraged to give seminar on your proposed thesis research topic (if you have not done so already). If it is not your proposal seminar, the topic should be in an area not closely related to your own research. You should be thoroughly familiar with the literature on your topic. You should strive to organize your seminar into a cohesive presentation, and be selective about what you present. Explain concepts simply and clearly, and define all terms and acronyms. Be prepared to answer questions after your seminar. The seminar will be timed, and should be ± 3 minutes of the allotted 20 minutes.

Students will submit a detailed outline (1 – 1.5 pages) of their presentation and also a brief abstract (one or two paragraphs; **250 words max.**) describing their presentation.

I expect that graduate students will check and use their university email accounts on a daily basis. I also expect you to check your departmental mailbox each day

Your final grade will be determined by several factors: the quality and content of your seminars, your improvement from the first to the second, your participation in the class as a whole, and your ability to meet scheduled deadlines.

Mandatory lectures:

1. Hakan Şentürk; Writing Center; 01 Kasım 2021; 16:00 – 18:00

How to use Mendeley effectively for academic writing

(managing articles, saving articles from the internet, using MS word and chrome plugin to insert citations/references and bibliography)

How to use Microsoft Word for academic writing

Microsoft Word Tips and Tricks

2. Hakan Şentürk; Writing Center; 15 Kasım 2021; 16:00 – 18:00

Components of an Academic Paper,

(Abstract, Introduction, Review-of Literature, Methodology, Results, Discussion, Conclusion)

Academic Writing and how to avoid plagiarism

(Paraphrasing, Summarising, Direct quote, Block quote)

3. [Nurhan Kabakulak](#); Bilgi Merkezi, 22 Kasım 2021; 16:00 - 17:30

Lisansüstü Öğrencilerin Tez Yolculuğu

Hazırlık: Tez içeriğinde neler olmalı – Konu Seçimi

Araştırma: Kütüphane kaynaklarından etkin literatür araştırması, Veri tabanlarında kaynak araştırması, Ulusal ve Uluslararası Tez Veri Tabanlarında literatür tarama: YÖK, Proquest Dissertation and Thesis, Ulusal ve Uluslararası Toplu Kataloglar: WorldCat ve TO-KAT

Yazma: Atıf ve Referans Yönetim Aracı, Yazma Planı, İntihalden Kaçınma

Yayınlama: Tezi makaleye dönüştürme, Dergi Seçimi (Web of Science ve Scopus çerçevesinden) ve ORCID (Genel anlatım)

4. [Nurhan Kabakulak](#); Bilgi Merkezi, 29 Kasım 2021; 16:00 - 17:15

Akademik Araştırma Serüvenine Yolculuk

Bilimsel Uluslararası dergilerde yayın yapmak için izlenmesi gereken yolları konu aldığımız çalıştayımız; akademisyenlere, doktora öğrencilerine, yüksek lisans öğrencilerine ve akademik kariyer planı yapan lisans öğrencilerine yönelik olacaktır. Yazar Çalıştayımızda: Neden Yayın Yapıyoruz? Etkili Yazım, Manuscript Hazırlama (Makale hazırlama), Dergi Seçimi, Başvuru Yapma başlıklarını içerecek şekilde detaylar aktarılacaktır.

The links of the mentioned trainings will be announced on YuLearn later. Lessons are planned to be held over the Big Blue Button (BBB). A restriction on the number of people, etc. In case of a change for any reason, a link to Google Meet or Zoom will be created and announced to you and the students via YuLearn.

Guidelines for a Proposal Seminar:

You may give a proposal seminar once during your M.S. program. The time you choose to do this is up to you and your thesis committee. Usually this will be final week of the semester. It should be after you and your advisor have fully developed your thesis project and you have thoroughly studied the background research and methods. You do not need to have all your data collected, but it is usually helpful to have some preliminary work already accomplished.

Proposal Seminar Format:

- Introduce your advisor and committee members (who should be in attendance).
- Give an introduction and background information on your topic. What relevant research has been performed previously?
- State the problem(s) that remain unanswered.
- Clearly state your objectives and give the specific hypotheses you wish to test.
- Describe the methodology you will use to test your hypotheses. Be sure you fully understand your chosen methods. Give reasons why you chose these methods over other approaches.
- Present any data you have collected thus far.
- Describe what remains to be done, and what you expect to find.
- Explain the significance of your findings (or potential future findings).