

## **ENV 335H Environmental Design**

Winter 2020

Time:

Wednesdays 1200 – 1500

Location: ES B142

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### **Course Description**

Environmental design, in the context of this course, refers to design strategies that account for the ability of supporting ecosystems to continue to meet human needs and those other lifeforms without diminishing biological diversity or environmental quality. This course takes a hands-on approach to investigating several environmental issues specific to architectural design: climate-responsive design, energy consumption, health and comfort, natural lighting, natural ventilation, mechanical HVAC systems, and on-site renewable energy generation. The Environmental Design course will expound upon these concepts through lectures, case studies, and hands-on measurement and calculation activities in class.

By the end of the term, students will propose a design of a net-zero energy/carbon residential building in groups of three. Five homework assignments will be given throughout the term. Two quizzes (midterm and final) will also be administered during the class.

By the end of this course, a successful learner will be able to do the following:

1. Understand the impacts of architectural design on operational and embedded energy.
2. Predict and describe the impacts of architectural design on energy consumption and human health and comfort.
3. Analyze a subset of environmental design issues in architecture based on measured data, mathematical estimations, or physically-based performance simulations.
4. Make recommendations towards the design of a net-zero energy (or carbon) housing development based upon novel analysis (group analysis project).

## Evaluation Scheme

Attendance	10% of final marks
Homework assignments	40% of final marks
Midterm quiz	15% of final marks
Analysis project	20% of final marks
Final exam	15% of final marks

## Weekly Course Schedule (1 – 4)

Date (Week)	Topic	Activities & Assignments
(Week 1)	<p>Course introduction</p> <p>Architectural goals: comfort, energy, productivity, and program</p> <p><u>Case Study</u> Berkeley CBE survey results Payette glazing study</p>	<p><u>Activity</u> Evaluating the comfort of our class compared to measurements</p>
(Week 2)	<p>Toronto climate analysis</p> <p>Definition of net-zero “something” buildings: energy, carbon, site, and source</p> <p><u>Case Study</u> Bullitt Center</p>	<p><u>Activity</u> Using ‘Climate Consultant’ with different data sources</p>
(Week 3)	<p>Building heat balance and introduction to heat transfer</p> <p>Envelope design: Conduction</p> <p><u>Case Study</u> Solar decathlon houses (opaque envelope)</p>	<p><u>Activity</u> Conductive heat transfer calculations under steady state conditions</p> <p><u>Assignment</u> HW#1 – Conductive heat transfer (Out)</p>
(Week 4)	<p>Envelope design: Convection and Radiation</p> <p><u>Case Study</u> Solar decathlon houses (transparent envelope)</p>	<p><u>Activity</u> Convective and radiative heat transfer calculations</p> <p><u>Assignment</u> HW#2 – Radiant heat transfer (Out)</p>

### Weekly Course Schedule (5 – 8)

Date (Week)	Topic	Activities & Assignments
(Week 5)	Envelope design: Shading design  <u>Case Study</u> Solar decathlon houses (fixed / dynamic shading systems)	<u>Activity</u> Simple geometric shading design calculations  <u>Assignment</u> HW#1 – Conductive heat transfer (Due) HW#3 – Shading design (Out)
(Week 6)	External thermal loads, internal thermal loads  Quiz review	<u>Activity</u> (None today)  <u>Assignment</u> HW#2 – Radiant heat transfer (Due)
(Reading Week)		
(Week 7)	Midterm quiz	
(Week 8)	Thermal simulations, beyond the steady state  <u>Case Study</u> Graduate school of design	<u>Activity</u> Spreadsheet thermal simulation tool  <u>Assignment</u> HW#3 – Shading design (Due) HW#4 – Thermal simulations (Out)

## Weekly Course Schedule (9 – 12)

Date (Week)	Topic	Activities & Assignments
(Week 9)	Daylighting and electric lighting systems  <u>Case Study</u> Residential daylighting score (Dogan and Park) Residential lighting studies in Singapore Daylight pattern guide	<u>Activity</u> Daylight factor estimations and benchmarking for the Toronto climate  <u>Assignment</u> HW#5 – Daylight factor estimations (Out)
(Week 10)	Natural ventilation  <u>Case Study</u> HULIC building, Tokyo BRE building, Watford, UK	<u>Activity</u> Coolvent thermal and natural ventilation combined simulations  <u>Assignment</u> HW#4 – Thermal simulations (Due)
(Week 11)	HVAC systems, removing and adding heat and humidity	<u>Activity</u> Learning the psychrometric chart  <u>Assignment</u> HW#5 – Daylight factor estimations (Due)
(Week 12)	Renewable energy sources  Embedded carbon vs. operational energy  <u>Case Study</u> Cambridge, MA	<u>Activity</u> NREL’s PVWatts calculator tool and back of the envelope PV calculations  <u>Assignment</u> Analysis project (Due)
	Final exam/quiz to be scheduled.	

### Late Work

All assignments are due at the specified time and date. Late submission will result in a 10% deduction (of each assignment’s total grade) per day. In the case of illness or other special circumstance, notification should be given to the Instructors and the Registrar as soon as possible and before the deadline in question; where required, the official University of Toronto Verification of Student Illness or Injury form must be submitted. Additional information is available on the Verification of Illness or Injury is available online: <http://www.illnessverification.utoronto.ca/Frequently-Asked-Questions.php>

### Final Due Date

Due dates are set by the Instructor in the schedule and evaluation sections of this outline. All term work must be submitted on or before the deadline date stipulated by the instructor. Students who for reasons beyond their control are unable to submit an assignment by its deadline must obtain approval from their Instructor for an extension within the term. The last date of the term is April 25, 2020. Any work submitted after the stipulated deadline and before the end of term without an approved extension will not be accepted. Students will be required to petition for an extension if they will be unable to submit their work by April 25, 2020. <http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/Documents/Extension+to+Complete+Coursework.pdf>

Students are advised to contact their professors in advance of a deadline, where possible. Those students registered with Accessibility services should provide you with a letter from their advisor that confirms their registration and indicates their required accommodations.

## Preparedness at UofT

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If you are a student who identifies with one or more of the broad categories below, we encourage you to register with Accessibility Services (<http://www.accessibility.utoronto.ca/>). New student registration packages need to be submitted by February 7, 2020 in order to receive Exam accommodations. For any questions or assistance, please see the staff in the Office of the Registrar and Student Services.

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
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- Chronic Health
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Learning Disability
- Mental Health
- Mobility and Functional
- Low Vision / Legally Blind
- Temporary Injuries

## English Language and Writing Support

The University of Toronto expects its students to write well, and it provides a number of resources to help. Please consult the University of Toronto writing site (<http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/>) for advice and answers to your questions about writing. Please pay special attention to "Advice on Writing: Academic Writing."

Academic writing carries with it certain expectations about properly citing, quoting, and referencing source material. Your research must be conveyed in a language commonly shared by others in the discipline. The style guidelines preferred by the Daniels Faculty are put forth in the Chicago Manual of Style and can be found here: <http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/16/contents.html>  
<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/717/01/>

The Centre for International Experience (CIE) English Language Support is also available to support students: <https://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/cie/els>

## Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship in a university, and to ensuring that a degree from the University of Toronto is a strong signal of each student's individual academic achievement. As a result, the University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. The University of Toronto's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters ([www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm](http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm)) outlines the behaviours that constitute academic dishonesty and the processes for addressing academic offences. The Code of Behavior on Academic Matters states: "It shall be an offence for a student knowingly [...] to represent as one's own any idea or expression of an idea or work of another in any academic examination or term test or in connection with any other form of academic work, i.e. to commit plagiarism." The Code also states: "Wherever in the Code an offence is described as depending on 'knowing,' the offence shall likewise be deemed to have been committed if the person ought reasonably to have known."

Potential offences include, but are not limited to:

In papers and assignments:

1. Using someone else's ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgement.
2. Submitting your own work in more than one course without the permission of the instructor.
3. Making up sources or facts.
4. Obtaining or providing unauthorized assistance on any assignment.

On tests and exams:

1. Using or possessing unauthorized aids.
2. Looking at someone else's answers during an exam or test.
3. Misrepresenting your identity.

In academic work:

1. Falsifying institutional documents or grades.
2. Falsifying or altering any documentation required by the University, including (but not limited to) doctor's notes.

All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated following procedures outlined in the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters. If you have questions or concerns about what constitutes appropriate academic behaviour or appropriate research and citation methods, you are expected to seek out additional information on academic integrity from your instructor or from other institutional resources. For information about academic integrity at the University of Toronto, please see [www.academicintegrity.utoronto.ca](http://www.academicintegrity.utoronto.ca)

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