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Ecological and Environmental Psychology (PSY14)

Description

Ecological and Environmental Psychology is an elective course for Psychology students. It is taught in the fall semester (3 hours per week) and it corresponds to 3 credits according to the ECTS system.

Content

Goals and scope of Ecological and Environmental Psychology, definition of basic terms; historical roots and relations with other disciplines; methodological issues; structural and dynamic properties of behavior settings; environmental perception, description and evaluation; cognitive maps; proxemics and social interaction: personal space, territoriality, privacy; environmental stress: noise, crowding, pollution; psychological consequences of natural and technological disasters; built environment and behavior: school, work, and health settings.

Grading

Based on (a) a 3-hour written exam, or alternatively (b) a written assignment, i.e. a long essay comprising literature review or a research project on a specific topic. A 10-point scale is used (where 10='excellent', 5='pass', 1-4='fail').

Basic text

Bechtel, R. B., & Churchman, A. (Eds.). (2002). *Handbook of Environmental Psychology*. New York: Wiley.