Environmental Design

ABOUT THIS FIG

First-Year Experience Seminar
Humans construct the environment in many ways – intentionally, subconsciously, and accidentally – and these choices have global impacts. As our agency increases, so does our responsibility to confront crises like climate change and social inequality through the (re)design of human systems. This FIG will introduce students to the fundamental concepts and techniques of landscape architecture. Through a series of discussions and workshops we will study graphic communication as the critical language of design, and students will learn to think and speak through drawings. No drawing experience required!

Understanding Landscapes
This course presents a richly illustrated overview of the relationships between human cultures and their gardens and other designed landscapes. Students study a broad range of gardens, parks and memorials, as well as a few civic landscapes. These places exemplify both the distinctive characteristics of many world cultures and themes found in the creation of special multi-cultural landscapes. Gardens are studied as metaphors for the human cultural ideas they seek to express and nurture. Students learn about the structure and pattern of designed landscapes, the history of environmental policies and values that affect them, and the ways that landscape designs are understood and described.

Design for a Sustainable World
Direct examination and appraisal of the function, form, content, and composition of example landscapes in relation to ecological, cultural, legal, technical, aesthetic, and economic objectives.

First-Year Experience Seminar
UGST 109
1 credit

Understanding Landscapes
LA 260
Core Education Arts & Letters (>1)
4 credits

*This is a Deep-Dive FIG

CALENDAR

First FIG Meeting
You will get to meet your FIG classmates, FIG Assistant (FA), and Faculty before classes start!

Check your FIG page in September to find out more details.

ACADEMIC TEAM

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NEXT STEPS

After you’re registered for your FIG, you will want to check out the Meet Your FIG page (https://fyp.uoregon.edu/fall-2022-figs). This page will have everything you need to know before the beginning of fall term, including how to email your FIG Assistant, your summer assignment, and when you will be meeting your FIG for the first time in September. In order to prepare for your coursework and be notified about important academic deadlines you will need to download the “Canvas” and “Navigate” apps to your devices. Also, be sure to visit the FYE Community page in September, which has all the resources you’ll need to achieve success in your first-year (https://fyp.uoregon.edu/community). If you have questions about anything, make sure you email your FIG Assistant – they are here to help!

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Visit this link to find out the best way to make FIG changes for you: https://fyp.uoregon.edu/fig-enrollment-2022