National University of Sciences and Technology
School of Art, Design and Architecture
Arch-808 – Housing Research, Policy & Practice

Credit Hours:	3	**Semester:**	Fall
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Pre-requisites:　　None

Course Description:　　The course is designed to help students engage with the present and future challenges of housing in the country. An in-depth review of the deficiencies in housing provision and its causes should enable students to respond to these issues through practice, research, and policy.

Throughout the course, students will be introduced to diverse case studies (both local and international) that will enable them to see the potential of housing and imagine creative solutions through design and policy improvements. The course also focuses on issues of sustainability in housing both in terms of environmental and social sustainability.

With rapid urban growth, as the infrastructure in urban centers falls short and there is an increase in informal settlements in the city, architects and policymakers must make combined efforts to ensure affordable provision for the masses without excusing the quality of housing. The agenda is to not see housing as a product and a matter of numbers but instead as a process and understand how it is interlinked with the other ongoing social, economic, environmental processes in the city.