

Title of Article: Designing to meet Human Needs: Place of Environment-Behavior in Architectural Education

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Abstract: The role of architect is to create spaces that will meet the needs of users. Architecture of buildings is influenced by many factors such as behavioral, socio-cultural and physical which affect the design, meaning and use of space to different individuals and group of people. In view of this, courses that deal with man-environment studies were incorporated into the curricular of schools of architecture. Architects are trained to create environments that will respond to the needs of users. Using secondary data from literature and curricular of four architectural schools in south- west Nigeria, this paper examines how adequately students are sensitized on the relationship between man and environment as an important way of meeting his needs. It was discovered that aspects of environment-Behavior studies were not incorporated into the curricular of the schools investigated. Curricular review was recommended.

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