

Faculty of Economics and Political Science

Local Development

Information :

Course Code : PAD 303

Level : Undergraduate

Course Hours : 3.00- Hours

Department : Department of Public Administration

Area Of Study :

This course presents the world - wide used approaches to develop a local society on political, economic, and social levels. It also emphasizes the evolution of sustainable development and how it is applied by local government. It discusses the local agenda 21 as a global action plan for sustainable development and the characteristics of institutions involved in the process, and how to strategically plan and determine necessary policies for its application. It provides as well analysis of the different forms of decentralization and the character of the Egyptian local development.

Course Goals:

- 1- Identify sustainable local development concept.
- 2- Realize how to build a strategic framework for local sustainable development.
- 3- Determine the necessary policies for implementing local development plans.
- 4- Highlight the local development process in Egypt.

Description :

This course presents the world - wide used approaches to develop a local society on political, economic, and social levels. The topics of interest through this course are as follows: the concept of local development, the goals and objectives of local development, designing local development initiatives and programs, the characteristics of the institutions involved in the process of local development, the obstacles to local development in different experiences, and the status of local development in Egypt. It provides as well analysis of the different forms of decentralization, the organizational issues involved and benefits as well as drawbacks in practice. It explores how to strategically plan for sustainable local development and determines the necessary policies.

Course outcomes :

a.Knowledge and Understanding: :

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| 1 - | Recognize and show understanding of sustainable local development. |
| 2 - | Identify steps needed to form a strategic framework for local sustainable development. |
| 3 - | Explain how to formulate convenient policies and strategies for local development. |
| 4 - | Discuss to which extend Egypt is applying local development agenda. |

b.Intellectual Skills: :

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| 1 - | Illustrate the importance of applying sustainable development globally. |
| 2 - | Analyze the sustainable development planning approach by local governments. |
| 3 - | Investigate the mechanism for applying decentralization. |
| 4 - | Identify different problems in implementing local development in Egypt and suggest solutions. |

c. Professional and Practical Skills: :

1 -	Apply knowledge about sustainable local development to real life situations.
2 -	Produce a strategic plan for sustainable development and determine necessary policies.
3 -	Illustrate different forms of decentralization and recommend solutions to the Egyptian case.
4 -	Construct policies and strategies for local development in Egypt.
5 -	Choose practical solutions for obstacles to local development in different experiences and the Egyptian experience in specific.

d. General and Transferable Skills: :

1 -	Learn how to develop ideas and implement strategies.
2 -	Learn how to exchange information and share meanings with others.

Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Introductory Lecture and Course Outline	3	1	
Sustainable Local Development	3	1	
Partnership in Local Development	6	2	
Community Issues Based Analysis	3	1	
The Mechanism for Applying Decentralization	3	1	
Mid Term Exam		1	
Action Planning	3	1	
Implementation	3	1	
Monitoring and Evaluation	3	1	
Case Studies	3	1	
Local Development in Egypt	6	2	
Papers' Presentations	3	1	
Final Exam		1	

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Demonstration videos
Group discussion
Data show and computer in lectures
Research Paper

Course Assessment :

Methods of assessment	Relative weight %	Week No	Assess What
Course Work (Attendance, Participation, Assignments, Quizzes, Research Paper) D	30.00		To assess understanding and theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills
Final Exam	40.00	15	To assess knowledge and intellectual skills.
Midterm Exam(s)	30.00	7	To assess professional skills.

Course Notes :

Sustainable local development agenda 21 for local development, UN, 1992.

Other handouts and readings as assigned

Recommended books :

United Nations, Arab Republic of Egypt, Public Administration Country Profile, Division for Public Administration and Development Management (PADM), and Department of Economics and Social Affairs (DESA), February 2004.

Periodicals :

Web Sites :

Introduction to Sustainable Development: SD Gateway
<http://www.sdgateway.net/introsd>

Mary Pattenden, "Global Implementation of Local Agenda 21", International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives,
<http://www.cardinalgroup.ca/nua/aif/aif03.htm>

UNDP/CSD/ICLEI, The Role of Local Authorities in Sustainable Development, New York, April, 1995.
<http://www.un.org/documents/ecosoc/cn17/1997/background/ecn171997-1.rpt1.htm>