

Exploring Campus Open Space Qualities: Identifying the U.P. Diliman Academic Core's Predominant Qualities in its Physical, Social and Psychological Aspects

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Abstract

The University of the Philippines Diliman is taking steps in its development towards a more self-sustaining community. Measuring the adequacy of the Diliman campus' amenities is an important step towards this goal. The paper measures the adequacy of the Academic Core – as the central open space amenity of the Diliman campus – through a survey that aimed in identifying its predominant qualities. The qualities identified serve as indicators of how adequate the Academic Core is in meeting the needs of the Diliman community. Findings reveal that the Academic Core is predominantly grounds for passive recreation and the identified predominant qualities may serve as insight and basis for design considerations in developing new amenities and enhancing existing ones in the process of planning a self-sustaining community.

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