



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
ARCH-452	Special Topics in Architecture	4
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
ARCH-142/ ARCH-242	Architecture	Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Required	Architecture	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Angela Kyriacou- Petrou	4 th
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Face to face	N/A	-

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Prepare students for final thesis
- Develop academic research techniques: locating and evaluating sources, planning and writing their dissertation
- Locate subjects of interest in relation to other texts through reading and literature reviews
- Learn to read texts analytically and critically
- Analyse and structure written information
- Frame an argument and support it through evidence, relevant examples
- Question the context of architectural design, theoretical positions, and historical analysis.
- Cultivate dialogue about architecture and current questions in history, theory, methodology, and the study of architecture and the built environment.
- Allow students to investigate a topic in a thorough and academically mature manner.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Develop an adequate knowledge based in theory, history or contemporary issues concerning architecture
- Formulate and organise research work
- Recognise viewpoints and biases in the readings, lectures, and arguments they read and hear
- Critique and take a stance on certain contemporary architecture debates

- Construct an argument and select quality materials to examine a question
- Organise a literature review
- Construct their own viewpoint about architecture and design in relation to past and current theory and practice

Course Content:

1. Introduction
2. Research- Library Resources
3. Case studies Analysis
4. Structuring an essay
5. Framing an argument/ critical writing
6. Sourcing relevant information
7. Topics of interest
8. Creating research questions/ Sourcing texts
9. Research proposals- other texts
10. Research proposals- gathering information
11. Research Proposals- structuring information
12. Research Proposals- editing/ presenting information

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

The teaching method in this course consists of Readings, Research, Seminars, Lectures, Discussion, Writing

Assessment Methods:

Discussion Participation, Case Study Analysis, Working with concepts and Research Proposal

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
The Dissertation: A Guide for Architecture Students	Iain Borden Katerina Ruedi Ray	Routledge	2014	978-0415725361
Architectural Research Methods	Linda Groat & David Wang	Wiley	2013	978-0-470-90855-6

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Recommended readings vary depending on student research themes.