



<b>Course Code</b> ARCH 452	<b>Course Title</b> Special Topics in Architecture	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 4
<b>Department</b> Architecture	<b>Semester</b> Either	<b>Prerequisites</b> ARCH-142/ ARCH-242
<b>Type of Course</b> Major Elective	<b>Field</b> Architecture	<b>Language of Instruction</b> English
<b>Level of Course</b> 1st Cycle	<b>Year of Study</b> 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b> Varies
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> Face-to-face	<b>Work Placement</b> N/A	<b>Co-Requisites</b> None

**Objectives of the Course:**

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Develop a deeper understanding and knowledge of architecture. This knowledge is based in theory, history or contemporary issues concerning architecture.
- Help students develop their written and verbal skills.
- Cultivate dialogue about architecture and current questions in history, theory, methodology, and the study of architecture and the built environment.
- Introduce students to new approaches of the study of architecture.
- Help students learn to read texts (broadly defined) critically.
- Help students question the context of architectural design, theoretical positions, and historical analysis.
- Allow students to investigate a topic in a thorough and academically mature manner.
- Help students develop research skills including locating and evaluating sources, selecting evidence, making an argument, presenting, and revising.
- Helping students understand the community of practitioners and academics that study architecture.
- Introduce students to a variety of viewpoints through readings, but also, local and international field trips (if possible) .

**Learning Outcomes:**

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

- Identify viewpoints and biases in the readings, lectures, and arguments they read and hear.
- Read critically
- Question and debate viewpoints raised in articles and arguments
- Construct a research question
- Locate scholarly research materials
- Write about a research topic demonstrating knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of their argument
- Discuss their own viewpoint about architecture and design in relation to past and current theory and practice.

**Course Contents:**

- The content of this course varies depending on the different topics introduced by faculty or visiting specialists. In general, the course will focus on assigned readings, in-class presentations, field trips, and visiting lectures. Students will conduct original research.

**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, Presentations, Discussion, Journaling, Field trips, Research

**Assessment Methods:**

Semester Journal, Term Paper, Presentation

**Required Textbooks/Reading:**

Varies per semester, class and topic

**Recommended Textbooks/Reading:**

Varies per semester, class and topic