

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: ARCH-201 Architectural Design I

Department: Design

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
ARCH-201	Architectural Design I	4
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	ARCH-150
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Design	Lower Division	English

Course Description

The course deals with our relation to space, form and the Environment in a broad sense. Emphasis is on human factors, scale, materials and structures. The course is designed to enable students to study relatively simple, functional interior spaces focusing on housing, and to explore how simple, everyday objects may represent themselves to the occupants. Students are also encouraged to explore how the quality of design can lie as much in the detail as in the whole and how it can proceed as much from the particular to the general and vice versa. The course progresses from the abstract to problem solving through analysis and includes consideration of professional design problems of moderate scope.

Prerequisites

ARCH-150

Topic Areas

1. Space Planning Basics - residential spaces
2. The Design Process
3. A history of housing - 20th century houses / modernism/ postmodernism/ minimalism
4. New into old - renovations of existing building fabrics
5. Traditional domestic architecture - Cypriot houses / spatial and social patterns of domestic living
6. Residential spaces - examples of housing design in the 20th century
7. The anatomy of privacy in domestic space
8. Color and light in residential spaces
9. The social logic of houses - inhabitants / visitors, gender relations within the house

Readings and Resources

Recommended Reading

1. Karlen, M, (1993) Space Planning Basics, Van Nostrand Reinhold Co, New York
2. Miller, S, (1995) Design Process
3. Tremblay, K, & Bamford, L. (1997) Small House Designs; Storey Communications
4. Doubilet, S, (2000) European House Now; Thames & Hudson, UK