

SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to the art and science of architecture. The nature of the built environment, its forms and functions, are explored within contexts of technology, human behavior, artistic expression and history.

GOAL:

To familiarize the student with architecture as an expression of the design process within those contexts specific to its builders in the time and place of construction. To promote an understanding of the choices and reasons that result in buildings being designed the way they are.

OBJECTIVES:

Provide **KNOWLEDGE** of the materials and technologies of building adopted by cultures to modify their environment and enhance their use of it.

Promote an **UNDERSTANDING** of the patterns of spatial organization, both physical and perceptual, employed to accommodate human activities and behavior.

Gain **INSIGHT** into the meaning of the patterns and forms of architecture as expressions of the thought process and values of those building them.

FORMAT:

Text will be supplemented with periodic handouts. Lectures are not reiteration of the reading assignments. They are explanation, interrelation and illustration of the ideas, concepts and theories presented in the readings. As such they are highly visual. Attendance is critical to your understanding of this material, so it will affect your performance in this course.

REQUIREMENTS:

You are responsible for the following in compliance with the *University Student Conduct Code*, especially *Academic Honesty & Student Responsibility Guidelines* AND, if applicable, meeting University requirements for *withdrawal dates* or *students with disabilities*

1. All assigned reading & information presented in class.
2. Taking all exams at the designated time and place.
3. Completing all assignments by their due date.

Permission to make-up exams **REQUIRES** that you immediately notify me by the date scheduled and provide an appropriate, unavoidable, documented reason to be considered.

EVALUATION:

Course grades will be based on class participation, attendance, and exam

GRADES: A (90-100), A- (88-89), B+ (85-87), B (80-84), B- (78-79), C+ (75-77), C (70-74), C- (68-69), D+ (65-67), D (60-64), D- (58-59), F (0-57)

OFFICE HOURS: tuesday & thursday, 4:00-5:00pm, room 304 Taylor Hall, (appointment preferred).
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REQUIRED TEXT: *UNDERSTANDING ARCHITECTURE*, LELAND M. ROTH, 2007 (or latest edition).