Architecture - Urban

Architecture - Urban (ARCU) Courses

ARCU 2100 [0.5 credit]

Special Topics in Urbanism

Seminar in selected topics related to Urbanism at an introductory level.

Lecture and discussion three hours per week.

ARCU 3100 [0.5 credit] The Morphology of the City

Primary structural, spatial and formal organization and elements that characterize the morphology of cities; historical and contemporary significance for architecture and urban design. (Core).

Prerequisite(s): First-year standing in the B.A.S. Urbanism major, second or third-year standing in other B.A.S. majors, or permission of the School.

Lecture two hours a week and tutorial one hour a week.

ARCU 3203 [0.5 credit] **Landscape Architecture**

Practical significance of landscape elements as they relate to built-form by integrating structure and site. (Workshop). Prerequisite(s): permission of the School.

Lecture, seminar, lab or field work six hours a week.

ARCU 3405 [0.5 credit] **Urban Design**

Project-based workshop investigating current design attitudes and solutions affecting the physical morphology of cities. Formally sophisticated urban design projects. Various procedures and basic urban design ideas. (Workshop).

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity Prerequisite(s): permission of the School. Lecture, seminar, lab or field work six hours a week.

ARCU 3409 [0.5 credit]

City Organization and Planning Processes

Interdisciplinary investigation, analysis and synthesis of the institutions, processes, environments and demography of Canadian cities. Guest lecturers. (Workshop).

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity Prerequisite(s): permission of the School. Lecture, seminar, lab or field work six hours a week.

ARCU 3902 [0.5 credit]

Urban Studies

A specific aspect of architecture in the area of urban studies. Topics vary from year to year. (Workshop). Includes: Experiential Learning Activity Precludes additional credit for ARCU 4103. Prerequisite(s): permission of the School. Lecture, seminar, lab or field work six hours a week.

ARCU 4103 [0.5 credit]

Cities

Course addresses cities such as Istanbul, Mexico City, Venice, Paris, Ottawa, Mumbai, and New Orleans. Topics presented by the instructor and guests include environmental resilience and climate change; social justice and informal settlement; smart cities and data privacy; and urban design, memory, and imagination.

Precludes additional credit for ARCU 3902.

Prerequisite(s): Second-year standing or permission of the Instructor.

Lecture two hours per week and tutorial one hour per week.

ARCU 4300 [0.5 credit]

Theories of Urbanism

Contemporary urban theory and critical scholarship that engages evolving social, political, economic and environmental perspectives, addresses multiple scales, geographic contexts, and disciplinary boundaries, and investigates the expanding array of models, tools and techniques that have contributed to various theories of urbanism.

Prerequisite(s): ARCU 3100.

ARCU 4400 [0.5 credit] City Organization and Planning

Structure, form and functioning of cities. Infra-structure, facilities and networks, ecosystems, demographic and social organization, government, quality of life, goals and perceptions, urban management, development, regulation and codes, design, planning and policy-making. (Elective Course).

Precludes additional credit for ARCU 3400.

Three hours a week.

ARCU 4500 [0.5 credit] **Human Shelter**

Background factors pertaining to housing in both industrial and developing countries; traditional and contemporary housing approaches; social housing; and people's right to adequate housing. Guest lecturers. (Elective Course). Precludes additional credit for ARCU 3500.

Three hours a week.

ARCU 4600 [0.5 credit] **Post-WWII Urbanism**

Urban renewal in the post-war period in response to housing shortages, suburbanization, transportation infrastructure and other factors. Gentrification and the emerging form of the post-industrial city, including new urbanism and sustainable communities. Case studies from Canada, Europe and the U.S. (Theory/History Elective). Prerequisite(s): ARCU 3100 and third or fourth-year standing in the B.A.S. Urbanism program or permission of the School.

Lectures three hours a week.

ARCU 4700 [0.5 credit]

Urban Utopias

Urban utopias throughout history, with emphasis on the 20th century. Garden Cities, anti-urbanism and radical decentralization, the city in the region, Italian Rationalist cities, Le Corbusier and CIAM, post-WWII New Towns (England, Scandinavia and the US), Sustainable Urbanism.

Prerequisite(s): third or fourth-year standing in B.A.S. Urbanism program or permission of the School. Lectures three hours a week.

ARCU 4801 [0.5 credit] **Topics in Urbanism**

Advanced seminar in selected topics related to urbanism. Topics may include histories and theories related to urban systems, design, and planning. (Core course). Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in B.A.S. (Urbanism) or permission of the Instructor. Seminar three hours per week.

ARCU 4808 [0.5 credit] **Independent Study**

(Elective Course).

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

ARCU 4901 [0.5 credit] **Topics in Applied Urbanism**

Advanced investigation into issues related to urbanism and urban form. Topics will vary from year to year. Includes: Experiential Learning Activity Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in B.A.S. (Urbanism) or permission of Instructor. Lecture three hours per week.