

# DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE UNIVERSITY OF THE PUNJAB, LAHORE.

## BACHELORS OF ARCHITECTURE (B. ARCH) 5 YEARS PROGRAM

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

Course Title	Theory of Architecture I
Course Code	ARCH-324
Credit Hours	2
Semester	Fall
Prerequisites	NA
Tutor	As per Timetable
Student Advising	As per Timetable
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#### **Course introduction**

Graphical and critical analysis of architecture to develop theoretical understanding. It involves examination of architecture to recognize, and study thought processes and theoretical discourses in order to understand the theoretical framework of any architecture. This will further set the basis for understanding of design processes, pertinent to systematically create a building, in limited and architecture in a broader context.

The model used for this, is the city which has proved to be an enduring archetype throughout history.

#### **Learning Objective:**

This course will introduce students to the key elements of architectural theory. Upon completion of the course students will be required to demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the main streams of theory together with how they impact upon architectural practice.

#### **Outcome**

Outcome of the course is

- 1. The inculcation of the ability in students to understand and challenge the current perceptions and norms in architecture by scrutinizing the historical and contemporary architectural treatises considering the historical, social, esthetic and cultural stimuli.
- 2. Skill of Critical and Graphical analysis of Architecture

Understanding of architectural theories and practices over the course of time

#### **Learning Methodology:**

- Lectures as provided in the schedule of the semester activities
- Study of Archival Material and recommended books
- Guest Lectures as per requirement
- Presentation on allocated topics

#### **Grade Evaluation Criteria**

Following, is the criteria for the distribution of marks to evaluate final grade in a semester.

Marks Evaluation	Marks in percentage
Sessional (Assignments, Quizzes, Presentations)	30
Mid Term	30
Final examination	40
Total	100

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Code Number:	Arch 223		
Credit Hours:	2		
Pre-requisites:	None		
Course Instructor:	Sadia Saif ur Rehman Naru		
Course	Graphical and critical analysis of architecture to develop theoretical		
Introduction	understanding. It involves examination of architecture to recognize, and		
	study thought processes and theoretical discourses in order to understand the		
	theoretical framework of any architecture. This will further set the basis for		
	understanding of design processes, pertinent to systematically create a		
	building, in limited and architecture in a broader context.		
	The model used for this, is the city which has proved to be an enduring		
	archetype throughout history.		
Objectives	To develop in students:		
	Theoretical foundation/framework to create/design a		
	building/architecture,		
	skill of critical thinking and analysis (investigation, examination		
	and asking questions about design decisions/processes)		
Outcome	Outcome of the course is		
	3. The inculcation of the ability in students to understand and		
	challenge the current perceptions and norms in architecture by		
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		treatises considering the historical, social, esthetic and cultural
		stimuli.
	4	4. Skill of Critical and Graphical analysis of Architecture
		5. Understanding of architectural theories and practices over the
		course of time
Methodology	Teachin	g Methodology is based on class lectures, documentaries and open
	discussions.	
		Content
Unit 1	1.1 The Beginning- human thinking and cognition	
	1.1.1	Introduction to epistemology, rationalism and empiricism.
	1.1.2	Importance of Critical thinking in architecture
	1.1.3	Introduction to concepts such as tangible/intangible,
	]	Intellectual/practical, symbolical.
	<b>1.1.4</b>	Embodied cognition
	1.1.5	Introduction to Manifestation of ideas and Architecture as a mode of
		Communication
	1.1.6	Paradigms- to explain the idea of Architecture as a mode of
		communication (Case study: Daniel Libeskind's Jewish Museum,
	]	Berlin)
	1.1.7	What is theory? Difference between Architectural theory and Design
	1	theory
	1.1.8	Architecture as a didactic theory
	1.1.9	Tradition of "Main Architects" in Architectural theory
Unit 2	2.1 Vitr	ruvius- Nature of Knowledge through doing

	2.1.1	Importance of Vitruvian Principles in Architectural theory
	2.1.2	Vitruvian theories, <i>Vitruvian triad</i> ,
	2.1.3	Evolution of the Greek order and usage in Roman Architecture
	2.1.4	Ten books on Architecture
Unit 3	3.1. D	evelopments in Architectural Theory 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> century
	3.1.1	Theories of Art and architecture in Middle ages, causes of shift to
		renaissance and evolution of Architecture as a result
	3.1.2	Introduction to Renaissance, Leon Battista Alberti's De Re
		Aedificatoria (1485)
	3.1.3	Theoretical Developments throughout and as a result of Renaissance,
		exemplified in the works of various Theorists and Architects
	3.1.4	Advent of Enlightenment, Baroque, Roccoco- theoretical
		framework, historical and social catalysts and impact on the
		architectural development in society
Unit 4	4.1 D	evelopments in Architectural Theory 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> century
	4.1.1	Understanding the evolution of thought processes in design and
		architecture, in the 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> century with examination of social
		constructs that acted as stimuli
	4.1.2	Studying the various movements of Architecture with the emphasis
		on finding identity and originality. (Romanticism, Impressionism,
		Gothic revival by Ruskin, Art deco and Art nuovo etc.),
	4.1.3	Revivalist architecture on a global scale as a result of colonialism
	4.1.4	Exploring the theoretical Link between Arts and Architecture
	4.1.5	Theories as pre-cursors to Modernism
	4.1.4	Gothic revival by Ruskin, Art deco and Art nuovo etc.), Revivalist architecture on a global scale as a result of colonialism Exploring the theoretical Link between Arts and Architecture

Unit 5	5.1 Deve	lopments in Modernism
	5.1.1	Delving into the theoretical background of Modernism
	5.1.2	Early Modernism- Architects, Frank Llyod Wright and his
		works- prairie style etc.
	5.1.3	Examining the works of Masters: Louis Sullivan "form
		follows Function"
	5.1.4	Eliel Saarinen
	5.1.5	The idea of Utopia and utopian theories in Architecture of
		Modernism
	5.1.6	City Beautiful Movement
	5.1.7	Garden city concept
	5.1.8	Architecture of exclusion, less is More
	5.1.9	Uniformity and Globalism in Modern Architecture
Unit 6	6.1	Developments in Modernism
	6.1.1	Le Corbusier- towards a new architecture
	6.1.2	Adolf Loos
	6.1.3	Mies Van Der Rohe- less is more
	6.1.4	Philip Johnson
	6.1.5	The Bahaus School of Thought
	6.1.6	The international Style
	6.1.7	Brutalism
	6.1.8	Various Modernist Movements and transitions

Unit 7	7.1 Decline of Modernism
	7.1.1 Causes
	7.1.2 Impacts
	7.1.3 Counter theories
	7.1.4 The Case of Pruitt Igoe
Unit 8	8.1 Early theories enroute to Post Modernism (1960s-1970s)
	8.1.1 Re-establishing connections with nature, man and
	architecture
	8.1.2 Reactionary theories to Modernism
	8.1.3 Criticism on Modernism- technicalities
	8.1.4 Architecture of the changed times
	8.1.5 Archigram
	8.1.6 Peter Cook- walking city
	8.1.7 The marine city
	8.1.8 Spatial city,
	8.1.9 ekistics,
	8.1.10 Metabolists,
	8.1.11 structuralism,
	8.1.12 semiotics,
	8.1.13 Neo-Rationalism
Unit 9	9.1. Robert Venturi- Complexity and Contradiction
	9.1.1 Less is a bore
	9.1.2 Learning from Las Vegas
	9.1.3 Ducks Vs Sheds
	<b>9.1.4</b> Case study- Guild house, Vanna Venturi house
Unit 10	10.1High Tech Architecture
	<b>10.1.1</b> Manifesting the spirit of Age
	<b>10.1.2</b> Architecture of Inclusion Vs Architecture of Exclusion
	<b>10.1.3</b> Interdisciplinary References in Architecture
	10.1.4 Theoretical Constructs
	<b>10.1.5</b> Theoretical framework and architecture of famous Architects
	exhibiting the style:
	i) Richard Rogers
	ii) Renzo Piano
	iii) Norman Foster
	iv) Michael Hopkins
	v) Jean Nouvel
Unit 11	11.1Post Modernism- Explained
	11.1.1 Development
	11.1.2 Characteristics
	11.1.3 Theoretical Constructs
	11.1.4 Inclusion Vs Exclusion  11.1.5 Significant Postmodom Theories (Decempt wet iview)
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Unit 12	12.1 Organic Architecture
	12.1.1 Theoretical Constructs
	12.1.2 Charles Jencks
	12.1.3 Frank Llyod Wright

	12.1.4 Contemporary Architects practicing organic architecture:
	i. Javier Senosiain
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	iv. Shirish Beri
	v. James Wines.
	vi. Bart Prince
	vii. Robert Harvey Oshatz
Unit 13	13.1 Critical Regionalism
	13.1.1 The need and significance of critical regionalism
	13.1.2 Kenneth Frampton and other theorists
	13.1.3 Difference between critical regionalism and regionalism
	13.1.4 Creating a harmony with nature
	13.1.5 Prominent Architects:
	13.1.6 Geofferey Bawa
	13.1.7 Raj Rewal
	13.1.8 Alvaro Siza
	13.1.9 Charles correa
	13.1.10 Rafael Moneo
	13.1.11 Cristopher Beninger
	13.2 Architecture of the Senses
	13.2.1 Hapticity- Juhanni Pallasma,
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	13.2.2 Phenomenology- Genius Locii- Steven Holl
	13.2.3 Revisiting Tangible and Intangibles in Architecture- Tadao
	Ando
	13.2.4 Poetics of Architecture- Anthony C Antoniades
	13.3 Examples of Critical Regionalism in Asia
Unit 14	14.1. Theoretical Developments in East comparison with the
	west
	14.1.1 Culture, history, economy
	14.1.2 Understanding the development of Architectural theory in
	East
	14.1.3 Comparison between the development of architectural theory
	in East and West
	14.1.4 Relationship of Variety in Architectural theories and
	development social change
	14.1.5 How thoughts processes changed in the west and how were
	they influenced in the East- sociocultural aspects
	14.1.6 Effects of Governance and leading authority-Autocracy/
	Democracy, Religion/Secularism on Architectural thought processes
	14.1.7 Silk route effect- theoretical explorations and thought
	processes
	14.1.8 The Khanqah Architecture
	14.1.9 The Madrassah Architecture
	14.1.10 Case Studies
	14.1.11 Course overview
	14.1.12 Conclusion

### Recommended Books/References

- 1. Rahim. Contemporay Techniques in Architecture.
- 2. Burden. Visionary Architecture.
- 3. Kulin. Architecture Programming
- 4. Famcett. Architecture Design Notebook.
- 5. Steale. An architecture for People.
- 6. Schestyen. New Architecture and Technology
- 7. Geleanter. Sources of Architectural forms
- 8. Fil Hearn. Ideas that shaped buildings
- 9. Vale. Architecture, Power and National Identity
- 10. Bloomer. Body, Memory and Architecture.
- 11. Schultz. Genius Loci
- 12. Watkin. A history of Western architecture.
- 13. Harbison. Travels in the history of architecture
- 14. Singh.Encyclopedia of "World Art and Architecture" Vol 1, Vol 2, Vol 3.
- 15. Ching. Architecture: Form, Space, and Order, 4th ed. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, 2015.
- 16. Clark & Pause. Precedents in Architecture: Analytic Diagrams, Formative Ideas, and Partis
- 17. Moneo. Theoretical Anxiety and Design Strategies in the Work of Eight Contemporary Architects
- 18. Ching, Jarzombek and Prakash. A Global History of Architecture 3rd Edition
- 19. Pallasma. The eyes of the skin
- 20. Tzonis A. and Lian L. Critical Regionalism: Architecture and Identity in a Globalized World
- 21. Ching. graphic analysis of building complex/ lecture in sketchbooks
- 22. Ching. Graphic analysis of city/ urban district lecture in sketchbook
- 23. Kevin Lynch. Image of a city
- 24. Vitruvious. Ten books on architecture
- 25. Wittkower. Architecture Principle in the age of humanism-Renaissance
- 26. Le- Corbusier. Towards a new architecture
- 27. Venturi. Complexity and Contradiction
- 28. Edward Bacon. Design of cities
- 29. Aldo Rossi. The Architecture of the city
- 30. Rob Krier. Urban Space
- 31. Jane Jacobs. The death and life of great American cities
- 32. Modernity in Architecture, Kamil Khan Mumtaz
- 33. Gideon. Architecture, you and Me
- 34. Malgrave. Architectural Theory Vol. 1 and Vol. 2
- 35. Rykwert, Leach, Tavernor. Leon Batista Alberti- on the Art of Building in Ten Books