Université catholique de Louvain

Theory of Architecture 1: Introduction

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Teacher(s) :	Vanderburgh David ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	After looking at the foundations, the methods, and the specific purposes of architectural theory, the course will sketch out the major theoretical propositions as produced in the course of Western architectural history, both as realized in concrete material and spatial systems, and as proposed or projected via the techniques of architectural drawing. The course will distinguish between speculative theory and doctrine, between architectural theory and theoretical architecture. It will question the epistemological status of theory in architecture: autonomous discipline or hybrid of several disciplines? What do other sectors of knowledge bring to a theory of architecture (anthropology, philosophy, aesthetics, sociology, psychoanalysis, geography, etc.).? The course will investigate the reciprocal relationships between theory, history, and design. Which comes first, which after? The investigation will be supported by case studies.
Aims :	By the end of this course, students will be able to : Understand the meaning and the place of theory within the discipline of architecture. Become familiar with the mutual implications of theory and history of architecture. Become familiar with the mutual relations between theory and design: "knowledge" and "know-how". Formulate and explain some basic theoretical positions. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Content :	:
Other infos :	:
Cycle and year of study :	 Bachelor in Engineering : Architecture Bachelor in Engineering Bachelor in Psychology and Education: General Bachelor in Information and Communication Bachelor in Philosophy Bachelor in Computer Science Bachelor in Economics and Management Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology Bachelor in Political Sciences: General Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology : General Bachelor in Mathematics Bachelor in Religious Studies
Faculty or entity in charge:	LOCI