UCLouvain

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2017

History of Architecture : from the origins to the Middle Ages

3 credits 30.0 h Q2

Teacher(s)	Pouillon Henry; French Tournai				
Language :					
Place of the course					
Main themes	Introduction to the theological, ideological and theoretical stances which inform works from Antiquity and the Middle Ages				
	The beginnings of architecture Pharaonic Egypt: petrified eternity Hellenic Antiquity: divine perfection of proportion The Roman world: a universal and imperial construction Paleochristian conversion: the renewal of meaning Byzantine synthesis: Hellenism, Roman culture, Orientalism, Christianity Isla: abstract expression of the divine Romanesque experiments: Christianity made manifest Gothic exaltation: structured use of light				
Aims	The History of Architecture teaching unit is designed to provide a set of references. It will however avoid considering history as merely a reservoir of examples, but attempt to analyse 'historically', i.e. to put these examples in their context to gain better understanding of their complex meaning.				
	The main objective of the unit is to ask questions and attempt to understand architecture, as a complex phenomenon, of an intellectual, physical and social kind, and its meaning. This will be done by taking a strictly historical approach.				
	Specific learning outcomes: By the end of this course, students are able to				
	 • understand and use the vocabulary of art, architecture and urbanism. • identify and name the main (typical) stylistic characteristics of an artistic, architectural or urbanistic work in the period being studied. • logically place, in time and space, architecture and town developments representative of the period being studied. • explain the meaning of a work by putting it back in context, namely by understanding the whys and wherefores which shaped it. • place unfamiliar examples by referring them to familiar models. • convey the link between art history and the political, economic and social organisation of society. 				
	Contribution to the learning outcome reference framework: Build knowledge of architecture				
	Be familiar with and analyse the basic references Be able to use given references which, by analogy, can lead to other interpretations of the context				
	Place the action				
	 Analyse the environments and contexts according to various given methods and starting from various identified points of view 				
	Make use of other subjects				
	Make use of other subjects to ask questions about the design and implementation of an architectural project				
	Use the technical dimension				
	Observe and assess the main construction principles of a building				
	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".				
Faculty or entity in	LOCI				
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Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims	
Bachelor in Architecture (Tournai)	ARCT1BA	3		Q	