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Theory of Architecture : contemporary issues

3.00 credits	30.0 h	Q2

Teacher(s)	Claeys Damien ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Bruxelles Saint-Gilles
Main themes	Critical review of recent theories Demonstration and testing of sequencing and materiality for conceptual ideas relating to architectural procedures Siting contemporary work in relation to the classical tradition, modern and post-modern approaches
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to: Specific learning outcomes By the end of this course, students will be able to • recall the concepts covered during the first years of study and deepen their thinking on architecture in relation to current society. • analyse the theoretical and spatial issued raised by contemporary architecture since 1950. • place this analysis in the framework of different schools of thinking which have contributed, since the post war period, to a critical reinterpretation of modern language and its theoretical foundation. • develop architectural criticism and self criticism to understand architectural works, particularly contemporary ones. Contribution to the learning outcomes reference network: Build knowledge of architecture • Be familiar with and analyse the discipline's basic references • Develop knowledge and become an active participant in the learning process Make use of other subjects • Seek out other approaches, exchanges of views and ways of enhancing thinking about architecture • Bring all this back to the original discipline Use the technical dimension • Observe and assess the main construction principles that give architecture a formal, material and temporal dimension Make committed choices • Make links between different methodological and epistemological perspectives
Evaluation methods	A written exam including: 1. multiple-choice questions: general assessment of passive knowledge acquisition 2. an open-ended question: assessment of active understanding of knowledge
Teaching methods	Lectures of 2 hours, each week.
Content	 The ecological myth or the lost paradise The societal myth or Survival through technology and politics The digital myth or The utopia of communication The end of myths? or From degrowth to collapsology Paradigm shift or From tree to network The return of myths or Metabolism and posthumanism The Fun Palace or Towards an evolving architecture
Faculty or entity in charge	LOCI

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Master [120] in Architecture (Bruxelles)	ARCB2M	3		Q		