

30713 - Architectural Composition 2

Syllabus Information

Academic Year: 2019/20

Subject: 30713 - Architectural Composition 2

Faculty / School: 110 -

Degree: 470 - Bachelor's Degree in Architecture Studies

ECTS: 6.0

Year: 2

Semester: First semester

Subject Type: Compulsory

Module: ---

1.General information

1.1.Aims of the course

The general aim of the course is to provide the student with the tools he or she needs to gain a deep, reflective knowledge of the History and Theory of Western Architecture, from the origins of the Renaissance in Florence to the end of the XIX century. The course should help him develop a clear, diachronic and sequential understanding of the phenomenon, and show him different paths to approach the analysis and interpreting of the architectural fact, as well as the compositional mechanisms behind it.

1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

The course aims at fostering an understanding of the architecture profession and its role in society, through the study of its relationship with the latter throughout History. It also aims at providing the student with tools that help him develop architectural designs grounded on an ample and rigorous knowledge of the basic concepts of the discipline.

1.3.Recommendations to take this course

Previous knowledge of History of Architecture is recommended. This knowledge is provided by the course Theory and History of Architecture 1 (Composición Arquitectónica 1). Therefore, it is highly recommended to have taken and passed that course.

2.Learning goals

2.1.Competences

The specific skills the student develops throughout this course, which are framed in the Theory and History of Architecture Area as defined in the verification report of the Degree in Architecture Studies of the University of Zaragoza are the following ones:

- CE35OB.
- CE40OB.
- CE41OB.
- CE47OB.
- CE48OB.
- CE50OB.
- CE52OB.
- CE53OB.
- CE54OB.
- CE55OB.

Within the basic and general skills that the student develops through the Theory and History of Architecture Area as defined in the verification report of the Degree in Architecture Studies of the University of Zaragoza, this course deepens on the

following ones:

- CB3.
- CB4.
- CB5.
- CGG7.

Additionally, regarding the transversal skills that the student develops through the Theory and History of Architecture Area as defined in the verification report of the Degree in Architecture Studies of the University of Zaragoza, this course deepens on the following ones:

- CT3.
- CT4.
- CT6.
- CT9.
- CT11.
- CT12.

2.2.Learning goals

- Result 1. A clear, diachronic, sequential vision of the History of Architecture, as well as a knowledge of the mechanics of architectural composition that integrate architectural design.
- Result 2. Synthesizing, through examples, the typological, constructive and morphological features that characterize the periods of the History of Architecture studied in the course: From the Renaissance to the XIX Century.
- Result 3. The ability to identify the key works studied, locating them in the period they belong in a reasoned way, justifying their relationship with the history of the place where they have been built.
- Result 4. The skill to develop, via the knowledge of the Theory and History of architecture, of an engaged and educated approach to architectural design, providing a critical vision of the works or trends studied in the course.
- Result 5. The skill to provide fundamental and convincing commentaries on architectural works, using the knowledge acquired throughout the course as a tool to develop the ability to interpret the most relevant designs of Architecture's History, understanding those as the products of the materials, construction systems and technologies that were used to build them, and a specific cultural moment.
- Result 6. The capacity to understand, interpret and analyze academic literature (on the Theory and History of Architecture), as well as the ability to develop structured and suitable arguments.
- Result 7. The rigorous and measured use of the specific language and terminology of the architectural discipline.
- Result 8. The ability to handle specific bibliography.

2.3.Importance of learning goals

This course develops the student's capacities to:

- Position himself in a committed way, grounded on the knowledge of the theory and history of Western architecture, when facing architectural design, thus providing a critical and informed vision.
- Develop architecture projects based on rigorous knowledge of the basic concepts of the discipline.
- Face, within the rigorous knowledge of the theory and history of Western architecture, a research project.

3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

The student will be expected to show that he/she has reached the learning results defined for the course through several evaluation activities.

- Test 1: written test.
- Test 2: oral presentation of texts in seminar classes
- Test 3: studio work.
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The aspects that will be evaluated in the exercises, both theoretical and practical, will be the depth and range of the knowledge acquired by the students, their ability to synthesize, clarity, quality of expression, quality of the presentation, etc. The percentages represented by those in the final grade are as follows:

- Exercise 1: 55%
- Exercise 2: 15%

- Exercise 3: 30%

The evaluation of the different parts will follow the criteria outlined in the following para-graphs:

TEST 1: WRITTEN TEST

The lecturer in charge of the course, in order to make the study of the contents of the course easier for the student, could settle a midterm exercise which will evaluate the contents of the first half of the course (SECTIONS 1 and 2). This is a voluntary exam, thus students are not obliged to take it, and can decide to be examined of the whole contents of the course in a single exam at the end of the semester.

If there is a mid-term test, the students can choose two different evaluation itineraries for test #1:

- The lecturers would consider proposing a voluntary theory test in November that will test the contents of the first half of the course (SECTIONS 1 and 2).
- A final theory exam at the end of the semester (the date will be set by the official EINA calendar). This test will have two versions:
 - Comprising the contents of the second half of the course (SECTIONS 3 and 4). This exam will be available for those students that had a grade over 5 in the November midterm exam (if the mid-term was proposed).
 - Comprising the contents of the whole course (SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, and 4) for those with a grade below 5 in the midterm test (including those who did not take it), or those who wish to be examined of the whole course instead.

If there is not a mid-term exam, the students will realize a unique test that will cover all the sections. In all cases, the grade must be equal or be over 5 in order to pass test #1 of the course. This grade will re-present 60% of the final grade.

If the student obtains a grade inferior to 5, he can take this test again in the Extraordinary September Call, as regulated by the EINA official calendar. No previous exam grades will be kept. Therefore, the students who take this extraordinary exam will have to cover the 4 SECTIONS of the course.

TEST 2: SEMINARS

The seminars will be developed in several study groups consisting of up to 24 students each. The professors will ponder the possibility that in one or several of those groups teaching will be conducted in English as a way to foster reading texts in this language, as stated in the EINA strategic plan (2014-2017).

The seminars will consist of the analysis and presentation of theoretical texts selected by the professors. Each seminar will correspond with one of the theory sections in which the lectures are divided. The texts will be analyzed and presented in English in those seminar groups the professors deem necessary.

The evaluation of the seminar will comprise an oral presentation of about 15 minutes analyzing the corresponding text. This presentation should cover the following aspects:

- Introduce the author of the treatise: who he was, what was his profession, dates of birth and decease, what positions he occupied, etc.
- Analyze and explain the main contents of the text, particularly in those aspects that refer to the theory of architectural orders.
- Explain the structure of the book: number of chapters, type of illustrations included, etc.
- Explain the relevance of the text for posterity.
- Explain when it was translated into other languages. It is of particular interest to explain its dissemination throughout Europe.
- Explain the concept of 'architecture' vindicated by the author.
- Personal considerations.

The seminars will be handled in pairs, with every two students presenting twice throughout the term, following the work chronogram of the course. At the beginning of the semester, the students will be provided with the planning including the different texts that will be dealt with in each seminar, as well as their corresponding presentation dates. Thus, each group will be informed at the beginning of the course of the specific date when they will have to present their allocated text. They will need to get a grade over 5 in order to pass EXERCISE 2 and be able to have it mediate with the other exercises. This grade will represent 15% of the course final grade. If the student obtains a grade inferior to 5, he can take this exam again in the Extraordinary September Call, as regulated by the EINA official calendar.

TEST 3: STUDIO

Throughout the semester, the students will develop two assignments which will consist of analytic exercises on architectural works related to the contents of the course and their corresponding oral presentation. As in the seminar classes, the students will be subdivided into work groups and will develop the graphic exercises in pairs.

The final grade of the studio sessions will consist of the arithmetic mean of the grades of the assignments, together with their corresponding presentations. A grade of 5 or more will be required in order to pass EXERCISES #3. This grade will represent 30% of the course final grade.

If the student gets a grade below 5 or does not submit some or all the assignments, he will have to submit all of them for their evaluation in the date where the official exam takes place, following the prescriptions of article 9 of the current Regulations of Learning Evaluation (Reglamento de Normas de Evaluación de Aprendizaje), as featured in the December 22 agreement of the Managing Committee of the University.

4. Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

4.1. Methodological overview

The methodology followed in this course is oriented towards the achievement of the learning objectives. It is based on an active methodology that favors the development of critical thinking. A wide range of teaching and learning tasks are implemented, such as lectures, practice sessions, autonomous work and assessment tasks.

Students are expected to participate actively in the class throughout the semester. Further information regarding the course will be provided on the first day of class.

Main methodology:

- M1 Lectures.
- M2 Seminars.
- M3 Studio.
- M10 Office hours.
- M11 Exams.
- M14 Student own work.

4.2. Learning tasks

The course includes 6 ECTS organized according to the following activities:

- Activity 1: Theory lectures (Teaching type T1/ Methodology M1): There will be weekly lectures with their content focusing on the history of architecture, following the course schedule (see course schedule and calendar). The students will be provided with a working guide via the MOODLE platform of the University of Zaragoza. This guide will list the most relevant architecture works of each theory lecture, as well as the general bibliography and the specific bibliography corresponding to each of the sections, as a basic reference for the individual study of the course.
- Activity 2: Seminars (Teaching type T3/ Methodology M3): Throughout the course, there will be 4 seminar sessions where students will offer presentations and debate on texts on the theory of architecture following the course schedule (see course schedule and calendar). This activity will be carried in small student groups which will additionally be subdivided into work pairs in order to develop their class presentations.
- Activity 3: Studio for the graphic analysis of architecture works (Teaching type T3/ Methodology M3): Throughout the term, the students will develop 3 graphic assignments where they will carry out graphic analyses of architectural works, following the course schedule (see course schedule and calendar). This activity will be carried in small student groups which will additionally be subdivided into work pairs in order to develop their graphic assignments.
- Activity 4: Special practices (Teaching type T4): A field trip with the students will take place on dates to be determined depending on the practices, exams, and submissions schedule of the other courses. The field trip will be 1 or 2 days long, taking the slot reserved for special practices, and will offer the student the opportunity to visit, among others, some buildings studied throughout the course.
- Activity 5: Office hours (Methodology M10-M2): The student will be able to ask for individual interviews with the professors both regarding the contents of studios, seminars, and lectures, in the hours specified in the official calendar. These office hours will also be used to comment on the exhibitions whose attendance has been suggested in the course.

Thus, the correspondence between the learning results and the proposed academic activities works as follows:

Learning Results	Lectures (T1 / M1)	Seminars (T3 / M2)	Studio (T3 / M3)	Special practices (T4)	Tutored exercises (T6 / M10-M2)	4.3. Syllabus Lecture Syllabus:
Result 1	x	x	x	x		SECTION 1: The Renaissance and the Theory of Proportions (XV-S.XVI Century).
Result 2	x		x	x	x	SECTION 2: The Baroque and the problem of Architecture as a Style (XVI-S.XVII Century)
Result 3	x			x	x	SECTION 3: The Enlightenment and the autonomy of architecture (XVIII Century)
Result 4	x	x			x	SECTION 4: The new glance towards architecture as a
Result 5	x	x	x		x	
Result 6	x	x	x	x	x	

Result 7		x		x	consequence of the Industrial Revolution (XIX Century).
Result 8		x			Seminars Syllabus: SEMINAR A: The Vitruvian

Tradition and the Theory of Architecture during the Quattro-cento.

SEMINAR B: The Dogmatic Theory of Architecture in the XVI century.

SEMINAR C: French Dogmatic classicism in the XVII century and the Ecole des Beaux-Arts.

SEMINAR D: Neogothic Theory of Architecture in England during the XIX century.

4.4.Course planning and calendar

WEEK 1	T1	Lecture 0: Intro
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SECTION 1: The Renaissance and the Theory of Proportions (XV-S.XVI Century).

WEEK 2	T1	Lecture 1
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	T3	<i>STUDIO</i>
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WEEK 3	T1	Lecture 2
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	T3	SEMINAR A
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WEEK 4	T1	Lecture 3
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WEEK 5	T1	Lecture 4
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	T3	<i>STUDIO</i>
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SECTION 2: The Baroque and the problem of Architecture as a Style (XVI-S.XVII Century)

WEEK 6	T1	Lecture 5
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	T3	<i>STUDIO</i>
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WEEK 7	T1	Lecture 6
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	T3	SEMINAR B
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WEEK 8	T1	Lecture 7
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	T6	TUTORED EXERCISES 1
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SECTION 3: The Enlightenment and the autonomy of architecture (XVIII Century)

WEEK 9	T1	Lecture 8
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	T3	<i>STUDIO</i>
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WEEK 10	T1	Lecture 9
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	T3	SEMINAR C
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WEEK 11	T1	Lecture 10
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	T3	<i>STUDIO</i>
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SECTION 4: The new glance towards architecture as a consequence of the Industrial Revolution (XIX Century).

WEEK 12	T1	Lecture 11
	T3	STUDIO
WEEK 13	T1	Lecture 12
	T3	SEMINAR D
WEEK 14	T1	Lecture 13
	T3	STUDIO
	T6	TUTORED EXERCISES 2

FINAL EXAM

The dates of the mid-term cuestionary, the seminars, and the graphic exercise submissions will be determined at the beginning of the course, according to the academic calendar, and could be subject to modification, under the supervision of the Degree in Architecture 2nd-year coordinator, depending on the activities and exams scheduled for the rest of the third-semester courses taught in the Degree.

4.5. Bibliography and recommended resources

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