Global Culture and Diversity

Distributional Area Description
Exploring relationships between diverse cultures, geographies, communities, social conditions, and the built environment provides a rich source of inspiration for architects and designers. As such, explorations in global culture and diversity are essential for developing relevant design skills and sensibilities. To ensure that students in the M.Arch-1 program gain exposure to conditions of the built environment in diverse communities, the M.Arch-1 degree requires students to earn a minimum of four (4) credit units in courses designated as Global Culture & Diversity distributional electives. This category of offerings is broad, encompassing appropriate design studios, lecture courses, and seminars. Course matter may include non-Western contexts, indigenous, or under-represented communities, challenged socio-economic frameworks, marginalized populations, divergent histories of architecture, special cultural conditions of a variety of vernacular, local, and regional settings. Correspondingly, student coursework may take a variety of forms: for example, research papers on historic or contemporary architecture in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Oceania or other settings; or studio projects that engage in indigenous cultures, socially and economically challenged regions, historical settlement and contemporary urbanization patterns, political, social, ecological, technological and spatial patterns in architecture, forms and typologies, vernacular construction methods, and so on, within specific non-Western geographic contexts (commonly understood as areas other than Europe, North and South America, Australia; however, inclusive of under-represented regions of those continents. For example, the tropics, pre-Colombian areas of Peru, etc. are included in this distributional area). Common among these elective offerings is the expectation that students will not only absorb new knowledge about the needs, values, and social patterns of other cultures, but also apply their own analytical argumentation and design skills to resolving problems of architecture and urbanism in these contexts.

Archive of Approved Courses (Fall 2015-present)

**Fall 2018**
01302: Dwelling / Garden / Being, Suzhou
01308: Architecture as a Tool to Improve Lives: Development of a Day Care Centre for Rohingya Children
01403: Alternative Futures for Al-'Ula, Saudi Arabia
01501: The New Selma
01503: Gendering Urban Development: Making room for women in urban planning and design in Argentina
01602: The Agency of Mezcal in the Oaxaca Valley of Mexico
03358: An Unsentimental Look at Architecture and Social Craft
03369: Spaces of Solidarity
04387: Topology and Imagination: Between Chinese Landscapes and Architecture
04387: Competing Visions of Modernity in Japan
05210: Cities by Design I
05213: Policy Making in Urban Settings (at HKS)
05326: Housing and Urbanization in the United States
09127: Real Estate and City Making in China

**Zhang Ke**
**Anna Heringer**
**Stephen Ervin, Craig Douglas**
**Daniel D'Oca**
**Chelina Odbert, Ignacio Cardona**
**Elisa Silva**
**John Peterson**
**Malkit Shoshan**
**Stanislas Fung**
**Kuan,Seng**
**Rahul Mehrotta et al**
**James Carras**
**James Stockard, Jennifer Molinsky**
**Wang, Bing**

**Spring 2018**
1315: After the Storm: Restructuring an Island Ecosystem
1316: ROOT: Rediscovery of Jingdezhen Contemporary
1603: Manila: Future Habitations
1605: Rapid Urbanism
3346: Urban Form: Transition as Condition
3369: Spaces of Solidarity
4344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China
4479: Power & Place: Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment
5201: Urban Politics and Planning (at HKS)
5211: Cities by Design II: Projects, Processes, and Outcomes
5337: Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities
5347: Urbanization and International Development
5365: Towns and Settlements in Metropolitan Regions
5374: Community Development: Past, Present, and Future
5432: International Humanitarian Response (at HSPH)

**Jeanne Gang, Claire Cahan**
**Pei Zhu**
**Rok Oman, David Rubin, Spela Videcnik**
**Reinier de Graaff, Ricardo Solar Lezama**
**Eve Blau**
**Malkit Shoshan**
**Peter Rowe**
**George Thomas, Susan Snyder**
**Quinton Mayne**
**Stephen Gray**
**Alexander von Hoffman**
**Sai Balakrishnan**
**Peter Rowe**
**Chris Herbert**
**Lily Song**
**Stephanie Kayden, Daniel Maxwell**
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5490: Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Development, Finance, and Management  Edward Marchant
5495: Market Analysis and Urban Economics  Raymond Torto
6311: Innovative Construction in Japan  Mark Mulligan

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03358: An Unsentimental Look at Architecture and Social Craft  John Peterson
04329: Urbanization in the East Asian Region  Peter Rowe
04377: Competing Visions of Modernity in Japan  Seng Kuang
05210: Cities by Design I  Rahul Mehrrotra et al
05213: Policy Making in Urban Settings (at HKS)  James Carras
05326: Housing and Urbanization in the United States  James Stockard, Jennifer Molinsky
05486: There Goes the Neighborhood: Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhoods...  Toni Griffin
05601: Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar: Tokyo on a Crossroads  Kayako Ota
06061: Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar on Structure and Material in Japan  Mitsuhiro Kanada
09127: Real Estate and City Making in China  Bing Wang

Spring 2017
1314: Material that Connects: A Campus Center in Chicago  Jeanne Gang
1322: Building Industries in African Water Cities  Kunle Adeyemi
1409: Ulsan Remade: Manufacturing the Modern Industrial Landscape  Niall Kirkwood
1410: In the Middle of the Streams: Beyond Landscape Architecture Design & Flow  Catherine Mosbach
1504: Type, City, Ecology: Hydro-types and Knowledge Environments for a New Township in India  Christopher Lee
1506: Sao Paulo: the Rescaling of Rail Infrastructure and New Models of Domestic Life  Felipe Correa
01602: Kuala Lumpur / Discovering Traces  Spela Videcnik, Rok Oman, David Rubin
3357: Experiments in Public Freedom  Lopez-Pinero
04479: Power & Place: Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment  G. Thomas, S. Snyder
05201: Urban Politics and Planning (at HKS)  Mayne
05211: Cities by Design II  Stephen Gray
5290: The Space of Conflict  Potvin
05337: Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities  Alexander von Hoffman
05347: International Urbanization and Development  Sai Balakrishnan
05362: Design for the Just City  Toni Griffin
5365: Towns and Settlements in Metropolitan Regions  Peter Rowe
5366: Global Perspective on Shelter Insecurity and Displacement  Michael Hooper
5432: International Humanitarian Response (at HSPH)  Jerold Kayden
5490: Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Development, Finance, and Management  Edward Marchant
09138: SURPLUS HOUSING: Models of Collective Living in South America  Felipe Correa

Fall 2016
1305: Fukuoka Project: Strategies for Urban Extroverts  Toshiko Mori
1309: The Archipelago in the Archipelago. Medellin: A Tropical City  Camilo Restrepo Ochoa
1310: Hutong Metabolism, Beijing  Zhang Ke
1312: Tokyo Study Abroad Studio: Transforming Omishima into a Beautiful Japanese Garden  Toyo Ito
1501: Affirmatively Further: Fair Housing After Ferguson  Daniel D'Oca
1601: INTERFACE: Constructing the Edge for Malaysia Vision Valley  S. Gray and Z. Hong
4329: Urbanization in the East Asian Region  Peter Rowe
4329: Architecture, Urbanism, and National Identity in Muslim Geographies  Sibel Bozdogan
5210: Cities by Design I  Peter Rowe
5601: Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar: Tokyo on a Crossroads  Kayoko Ota
5363: Prosperity, Civic Values and Diversity in a Gentrifying City: The Case of Central Square  Geeta Pradhan
6601: Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar on Structure and Material in Japan  Mitsuhiro Kanada
9127: Real Estate and City Making in China  Bing Wang

Spring 2016
1314: Territorio Guarani III  Jorge Silvetti
1321: Redesigning the Actor Network in Rural Areas around Tokyo  Kajijima, Tsukamoto
1406: Seoul Remade: Design of the 'Kool' and the Everyday  Niall Kirkwood
1504: Housing in Merida Yucatan: the urban and the territorial  Diane Davis, Jose Castillo
1505: "Regular City" in Chongqing: Searching for Domesticated Superstructures  Joan Busquets
1507: Extreme Urbanism IV: Looking at Hyper Density - Dongri, Mumbai  Rahul Mehrotra
Exploring relationships between geography, culture, and the built environment provides a seemingly inexhaustible source of inspiration for architects and designers – certainly this is true for the GSD’s diverse international population of students, faculty, and visitors. Today, as architects increasingly find work in geographic regions and cultural contexts very different from those in which they grew up, such explorations are essential for developing relevant design skills and sensibilities. To ensure that students in the M.Arch-1 program gain some depth of exposure to conditions of the built environment outside of what we conventionally call the West (principally Europe, North and South America, Australia), the M.Arch-1 degree requires students to earn a minimum of four (4) credit units in courses designated as Non-Western Architecture distributional electives. This category of offerings is diverse, encompassing appropriate design studios (i.e., options studios focused on non-Western contexts and issues), lecture courses, and research seminars. Correspondingly, student coursework may take a variety of forms: research papers on historic or contemporary architecture in Asia, Africa, Oceania or other settings, for example; or studio projects that engage historical settlement and contemporary urbanization patterns, political, social and spatial patterns in architecture, forms and typologies, indigenous construction methods, and so on within specific non-Western geographic contexts. Common among these elective offerings is the expectation that students will not only absorb new knowledge about the needs, values, and social patterns of other cultures but also apply their own analytical argumentation and design skills to resolving problems in architecture and urbanism in these contexts.

(Prior to 2016, this Distributional Elective was known as “Non-Western.” The description of that elective type is included below)

Fall 2015

01307: Imprecise Tropics Camilo Restrepo Ochoa
01501: When the Future Looked Bright We Didn’t Wear Shades Bernard Khoury
01502: The MLK Way: Building on Black America’s Main Street Daniel D’Oca
04329: Urbanization in the East Asia Region Peter Rowe
04405: Staging the City: Urban Form and Public Life in Istanbul Sibel Bozdogan
05210: Cities by Design I Mehrrotra, et al
05433: Modern Housing and Urban Districts: Concepts, Cases and Comparisons Peter Rowe
05502: Urban Governance and the Politics of Planning in the Developing World Enrique Silva

Tokyo Abroad Program Only:
01313: Making Omishima the Best Island to Live On In Japan: Toyko Study Abroad Studio Option Toyo Ito
05601: Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar: The Japan Syndrome Kayoko Ota
06601: Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar on Structure and Material in Japan Mits Kanada