

Sociology of Architecture

Instructor

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Schedule

The class meets on Tuesdays, 9am-1pm.

Course Summary

The course of Sociology of Architecture promotes a critical approach to design and architecture. The course presents a theoretical framework for the understanding of designed space in its relationship with inhabitants, while critiquing the dynamics between designers' intentions and people's appropriation of space.

Students are introduced to a set of sociological concepts that can be applied to the study of design practice and inhabitation. The course continues with a study of a methodological approach to the assessment of design and to the post-occupancy evaluation of the social production of space.

The course encourages active learning through a variety of experiences where students will be invited to participate with a high level of engagement.

Attending students

Students taking classes will receive instructions in regard with required readings and final examination.

Non-attending students required readings and examination

Students not attending classes will prepare the following readings and take a final written examination during examination sessions as scheduled in the academic calendar.

Required readings for non-attending students

Tauke, B., Korydon S. and Davis C. (eds.), *Diversity and Design: Understanding Hidden Consequences*, Routledge, 2015.

Cranz, G., *Ethnography for Designers*, Routledge, 2016.

Rasmussen, S., *Experiencing Architecture*, The MIT Press, 1964.

Zevi, B., *Architecture As Space. How to Look at Architecture*, Da Capo Press, 1957.