

ARCH212: UNDERSTANDING ARCHITECTURE

CREDITS:
3 credits

MEETING:
MW 9-10 (lecture)
Th or F (discussion)

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ARCH212 Understanding Architecture offers an introduction to a series of prominent ideas driving the contemporary discipline of architecture. It seeks to sensitize students to the built environment as a thoughtfully designed and experienced cultural product. Through a broad array of lectures, readings, and assignments, students are asked to engage in a critical understanding of the way we design, build, and experience architecture.

Course Components

- **Lectures and Readings** complement each other and serve to expose students to seminal ideas and prominent examples of architecture throughout history. Arranged by topic rather than chronology.
- **Discussion Sections** are devoted to active conversation about the lecture topics and readings.
- **Reading Responses** are done periodically to synthesize reading material
- **Projects** completed in lieu of written papers, 2 creative assignments meant to expose students to the pleasures and complexities of executing design-oriented projects about architecture.
- **Exams.** One Midterm and one Final exam.

