

Dimensions 34

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ARCH466 / Monday 7-9PM / Remote
Winter 2021 (3 credits)

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Dimensions is the student-produced journal of architecture at the University of Michigan published annually since 1987.

ARCH466 is the organizing workshop that binds the staff until the journal project takes hold.

The goal of the workshop is to introduce students to the interdependent relationships between content and form as they relate to the publishing of projects, essays, & interviews on architecture. The workshop will study the means and methods of book design through exposure to typography, working with image and text as a commingled practice of design/editing, and offset printing production. These subjects will be implemented through the design of *Dimensions*.

Architecture students with an interest and/or experience in criticism/writing, graphic design/typography, editing/publishing are strongly encouraged to contact the advisor. Graduate students (and motivated undergraduates) are welcome. The staff is generally limited to 6-8 students. 1 credit is issued for the workshop in the Fall term and work related to the call for submissions, followed by 3 credits in the Winter term focused on the design and production of the journal.

Dimensions staff are required to participate weekly, act independently on individual and group tasks, and participate in the comprehensive editing, design, and production of the journal. The duration of the design/production phase depends largely on the motivation of the students to work as a collective and direct themselves beyond the organized workshop meetings.

This is not a class. Ok, technically it is. But more importantly it is a project, as work on the journal will extend through most of the regular Winter term with additional closing duties capping the term. Students will be expected to contribute the necessary effort until the journal is complete and submitted for printing. Previous *Dimensions* continue set a precedent for both content and form, and it is the aim of this year's staff build upon the accomplishments of previous volumes. But as they say: "It ain't over 'til it's over."

A note on remote work: Dimensions was built for this. It was an early adopter of Slack (it hasn't used email for team communication for over 5 years.) It pivoted last year and published the book as planned. Resource files from previous years are organized on cloud storage and a wiki is used as a base document. These provide a foundation from which to work on the journal.

Learn more about Dimensions and see previous volumes at taubmancollege.umich.edu/dimensions

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1. Students are able to enroll in Arch 466 only after an override is issued by the advisor.
2. Interested students are strongly encouraged to email the advisor a statement of interest about participating in Dimensions to crumich@umich.edu in PDF form. The Form and Content matter. Take it seriously.
3. Questions? Email the advisor.
4. First meeting info? Email the advisor.