

ARCH 823 Architecture of Soviet Ukraine

University of Michigan | Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

Term: **Fall 2024**

Meeting Time(s): Wed 1:00-4:00pm 2227 A&AB

Section: 005 | Class #: 32743 | Credits: 3 | Required: No | Elective: Yes

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Description

The course discusses architecture in Ukraine during the 20th century with a focus on the period of Soviet Ukraine. The course aims to explore the influences on architecture of Soviet Ukraine through cities, buildings, and citizens. The course highlights foreign expertise and the flow of technologies during early Soviet industrialization in Eastern Ukraine from the USA and Europe. The politics and economy of the USSR shaped concepts of Soviet planning, standardization, and the urban environment. The course will analyze the architecture of the 1930s in Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhya, Dnipro that marked the development of constructivism in the region. The course covers architecture of Eastern and Western Ukraine, through constructivism, Ukrainian modern, Stalinist Architecture, post-modernism, post-Soviet architecture. We will emphasize the value of architectural monuments in Ukraine as UNESCO heritage sites for the culture and history of Ukraine. The study of architecture of Soviet Ukraine in the course will convey an understanding of the current situation of architecture in this region.

The seminar discussions and assignments will aim to investigate the concepts of architectural design which were implemented by the Soviet centralized planning system in (a) the cities and residential areas; (b) the prefabricated construction of standardized residential blocks and industrial plants; (c) the lifestyle of a Soviet citizen and built living environment.



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1 - Derzprom Building (Building of State Industry), 1925-1928, Kharkiv, Ukraine; 2 - Khreshchatyk, 25, or "Residential Building with a Star", 1954, Kyiv, Ukraine; 3 - Hotel Salyut (Salute), 1976-1984, Kyiv, Ukraine; 4 - National Library by Vernadsky, 1976-1989, Kyiv, Ukraine