

# ARCH 583: PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

## Winter 2025

Instructor: Lisa Sauvé

Meeting: Fridays 8:30 - 11:30 am Room A&AB 1360 (in person)

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE is a graduate-level course dedicated to introducing and familiarizing students with the fundamental principles of architectural practice and the forces influencing change. Divided into two parts—01 PROFESSION and 02 PRACTICE—the course will examine the architect’s regulatory requirements and ethical obligations alongside the fundamental processes of firm and project operations.

**01 PROFESSION** will outline the foundational ideas and framework of the architecture industry, including the privilege and duty inherent in the discipline. To do this, we will interrogate the implications through legal, financial, and social responsibilities. Students will review the application of these topics in practice through an audit of an operating firm.

**02 PRACTICE** suggests improving upon the fundamentals through routine and repetition. The course will engage in new approaches to business, design, ownership, and access. Contextualized relationships between the architect, project, client, consultants, and peers will introduce several entry points for innovation. Students will design a new direction for an existing practice, leveraging their agency to influence a change in practice and the profession.

ARCH 583 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE is designed as a space to engage with the discipline as a dynamic, evolving with alternative pathways and innovative segues towards a better-built environment. The course will cover the profession's essential elements and obstacles through lectures, workshops, case studies, readings, guest panels, and team projects, allowing students to examine the architect's potential and agency critically.