

SEEING

ARCH 251

TCAUP | University of Michigan
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M + W: 8:00 - 11:00 AM
B200 MLB
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A freehand studio drawing course that concentrates on close reading of the built environment and the translation of three dimensional form to two dimensional line drawing. The course is based on the premise that drawing is a way of knowing.

Though intended primarily for students considering a career in design, Seeing is open to students from any discipline wishing to improve their visual literacy.

Students are introduced to close reading of the built environment through hand drawing, the development of line control and hand eye coordination, the translation between three dimensional form and two dimensional line drawing, and introduction to perspectival drawing.