ARC 3510
Professional Practice

2009-2010 2nd Term
Credit: 3 units
Instructor: Bernard V. Lim
Time: Tuesday, 6:30pm to 9:15pm
Venue: FYB UG02

Description

The course connects the arena of the architecture school with the domain of architectural practice. The approach is to broaden the student's appreciation of the culture within which architecture is formed. The student is given a working appreciation of the contractual, ethical, economic, legal, and socio-communal issues that relate to the profession. In particular the course introduces the student to the concept of professionalism; that is, the professional person's position in, and responsibilities towards, society. Within this context the emphasis of the course is on the role of the architect working in relationship with others. Generally the course prepares the student for a role in the architect's office during the practical experience year.

Objectives

1. To help students and prepare them to enter into the architectural profession, with emphasis on their appreciation of professional integrity and responsibility.
2. To provide the basic knowledge in professional practice as required by the HKIA professional examination.
3. To provide a comprehensive understanding of the architectural practice and new issues of concern.
4. To introduce the role and interrelationship related to associated professions.

Course Schedule

L1 19 Jan Architect - the Profession in Practice
L2 26 Jan Development Control - The Multi-Disciplinary Team Planning / Lease Control
L3 2 Feb Citizen Participation – “LIVE.Architecture” programme
L4 9 Feb Development Control - Building Control (I)
L5 23 Feb Development Control - Building Control (II) & (III)
L6 2 Mar Site Visit (to be confirmed)
L7 9 Mar Architects & Client Agreement / Contract Principles Architects’ Appointment - Case Studies
L8 16 Mar Lecture from ICAC (to be confirmed)
L9 23 Mar Professional Conduct
L10 30 Mar Introduction to Building Contract (I)
L11 13 Apr Introduction to Building Contract (II)
L12 27 Apr Presentation of Assignment 2 (to be confirmed)
Assessment Scheme

Assignment 1 - 30% *
Assignment 2 - 30% *
Quiz - 20%
Participation – 20%

* selected for external assessment.

Course Format

Lectures & Seminars

Lectures with class discussions would be encouraged on the relevant topics. Sections of the course would be seminars with invited professionals/guest speakers to deliver experience and case examples on their personal practical experience and areas of expertise.

Reference Books

Hong Kong Buildings Ordinance Cap 123 and subsidiary regulations

Various Codes of Practice/ BD Practice Notes for Authorized Persons

HKIA Agreement between Client and Architect and Scale of Professional Charges

JFCC Agreement and Schedule of Conditions of Building Contract for use in Hong Kong, Private Edition(with quantities) and ditto(without quantities)

Lim, Bernard V. (2005), “Practitioners’ Guide to Design and Implementation of Participatory Projects”, Community Participation Unit, CUHK.

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