

Course Description**ARC2767 | Architectural History: Urban Spaces | 3 Credits**

Studies in situ of major urban spaces, with accompanying critical analyses of those spaces. An historical overview of the architecture of the places and spaces studied, with specific attention given to the ambiance, color, light, texture, and patterns, will be presented. The history of the community activities occurring in the spaces will be further analyzed, with appropriate urban and regional planning evaluations. Principles of positive planning will be studied, with the intention of developing knowledge of urban planning process and practice.

Competency 1:

The student will synthesize basic elements of public open spaces by:

- Recognizing basic utilization of the space studied.
- Recognizing principles of form, space, organization, and circulation of those spaces.
- Analyzing design elements of scale, rhythm, and repetition of architectural elements.
- Observing the design elements of historical gardens and urban landscaping.
- Observing and analyzing historical urban spaces in situ.

Learning Outcomes:

- Aesthetic / Creative Activities
- Critical thinking
- Cultural / Global Perspective
- Environmental Responsibility
- Information Literacy
- Social Responsibility

Competency 2:

The student will demonstrate understanding of major urban spaces studied in situ by:

- Critically analyzing the ambiance of the space.
- Studying the colors present, their hues, tones, and values.
- Observing the effects of light, both natural and artificial.
- Analyzing the textures of all urban elements.
- Documenting graphically and producing diagrams illustrating urban spaces.

Learning Outcomes:

- Aesthetic / Creative Activities
- Critical thinking
- Cultural / Global Perspective
- Environmental Responsibility
- Information Literacy
- Social Responsibility

Competency 3:

The student will evaluate design principles which evoke the function of the spaces studied by:

- Determining the success of the space by evaluating its usage through observation.
- Summarizing the success of the space by personally becoming involved in the intended function of the space.

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