Module Title: Architectural analysis	Module Code: AR7405	Module Leader: John Carter		
through writing 2	Level: 7	Additional Tutors: Zoe Quick & Trish Andrews		
	Credit: 15 ECTS credit: 7.5			
Pre-requisite: None		Pre-cursor: None		
Co-requisite: None		Excluded combinations: None		
Is this module part of the Skills Curriculum? No		University-wide option: No		

Location of delivery: Centre for Alternative Technology

#### Main aim(s) of the module:

This module builds on "Architectural analysis through writing 1" module and aims to develop the students' writing and thinking skills to a higher level of sophistication and professionalism and prepare students for the dissertation.

The module encourages students to become more aware of their position in architecture and as a professional and situate themselves within the context of architectural theory, by reflecting on their professional experiences and the historic and contemporary architectural and social context.

#### Main topics of study:

- Architectural writing by contemporary writers and architects
- Architectural theory
- Reflections on personal and professional experience
- Writing practice and techniques for research and dissertation writing

# Learning Outcomes for the module - at the end of this module, students will be able to demonstrate: (note reference numbers e.g. GC3.1, relate to ARB criteria of accreditation)

## **Knowledge of**

- 1. the cultural, social, intellectual histories, theories and technologies that influence the design of buildings (GC2.1)
- 2. the influence of history and theory on the spatial, social, and technological aspects of architecture (GC2.2)
- 3. how the theories, practices and technologies of the arts influence architectural design (GC3.1)

## **Understanding of**

- 4. critical understanding of how knowledge is advanced through research to produce clear, logically argued and original written work relating to architectural culture, theory and design
- 5. personal responsibilities required to prepare for the qualification as an architect
- 6. current architectural issues and the relevance to personal development needs as an architect

#### Ability to

- 7. critically evaluate architecture and architectural ideas using the process of writing to test, analyse, critically appraise and explain ideas, hypotheses and speculations
- 8. critically evaluate complex data and develop a sound and professional judgment
- 9. write clearly, concisely and professionally using appropriate writing styles

## Teaching/ learning methods/strategies used to enable the achievement of learning outcomes:

- Lectures will introduce the key issues of the module and sources of information
- Seminars will guide students though their assignments and help them address the learning outcomes

- The writing portfolio assignment will offer students the opportunity to engage with a range of writing challenges that will help develop the scope of writing styles required for an architect and professional
- Students will also undertake independent reading and writing
- Formative and summative feedback will provide students with guidance for improving their work for this module and in particular the dissertation module

#### Reading and resources for the module:

#### Core

Braham, W. and Hale, J. (eds). (2006). *Rethinking Technology: a reader in architectural theory*. London: Routledge.

Leach, N. (ed). (1997). Rethinking Architecture: A reader in cultural theory. London: Routledge.

Mallgrave, H. F. (ed.). (2006). Architectural Theory: Anthology from Vitruvius to 1870. Oxford: Blackwell.

Mallgrave, H. F. and Contandriopoulos (eds). (2008). *Architectural Theory, Volume 2: An anthology from 1871–2005*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Nesbitt, K. (1996). *Theorising a New Agenda for Architecture: An anthology of architectural theory 1965–1995*. New Jersey: Princeton Architectural Press.

Ockman, J. (ed.) (1993). Architecture Culture 1943–1968: A documentary anthology. New York: Rizzoli.

Walter-Kruft, H. (1997). A History of Architectural Theory. New Jersey: Princeton Architectural Press.

#### Recommended

Ackerman, J. S. (1991). *Distance Points: Essays in Theory and Renaissance Art and Architecture*. Cambridge MA: MIT Press.

Adorno, T. et al (2007). Aesthetics and Politics (Radical Thinkers). London: Verso.

Beardsely, M. (1966). *Aesthetics: From classical Greece to the present, a short history*. New York: Macmillan. Benjamin, W. (1999). *Illuminations*. London: Pimlico.

Berger, J. (1972). Ways of Seeing. Harmondsworth: Penguin/BBC.

Colomina, B. (1992). *Sexuality and Space (Princeton Papers on Architecture)*. New York: Princeton Architectural Press.

Dewey, J. (1980). Art as Experience. New York: Peregrine Books.

Dudley, D. (1966). *Urbs Roma: A Source Book of Classical Texts on the City and Its Monuments*. London: Phaidon.

Foster, H. et al. (2012). *Art Since 1900: Modernism, Antimodernism, Postmodernism*. Second Revised Edition. London: Thames and Hudson.

Hegel, G.W.F. (1993). Introductory Lectures on Aesthetics. London: Penguin.

Hofstadter, A. and Kuhns, R. (eds). (1964). *Philosophies of Art and Beauty: Selected readings in aesthetics from Plato to Heidegger*. Chicago: Chicago University Press.

Kant, I. (2007). Critique of Judgement (Oxford World Classics). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Macarthur, J. (2007). The Picturesque: architecture, disgust and other irregularities. London: Routledge.

Rendell, J., Penner, B., and Borden, I. (eds) (2000). *Gender Space Architecture: An interdisciplinary introduction*. London: Routledge.

Rendell, J. (2006). Art and Architecture: A place between. London: IB Tauris.

Summerson, J. (1980). *The Classical Language of Architecture*. Revised Edition. London: Thames & Hudson.

Vitruvius. (2009). On Architecture. Trans. by Schofield, R. London: Penguin Classics.

Vitruvius. (1998). *On Architecture*. Two Volumes. Trans. and Ed. by Granger, F. Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press.

Wiebenson, D. (1982). *Architectural Theory and Practice from Alberti to Ledoux*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Also refer to reading lists from other modules

Assessment methods which enable students learning outcomes for the module:	Weighting:	Learning Outcomes demonstrated	
Reflective essay 2 (1000-1500 words) Writing portfolio (3000 words)		Portfolio assessment	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9
Indicative learning and teaching time (10 hrs per credit):	Activity		
1. Student/tutor interaction, some of which may be online: hours 40	Design tutorials, Workshops, Lectures, Seminars, Studio work, Reviews		
2. Student learning time: hours 110	Background reading and preparation, Assignment preparation, Design Portfolio, Diary, Studio work		
Total hours 150			