Syllabus – ARCH1000 – Fall 2009
College: An Introduction

Date/Time: Wednesday 1:35-2:40 PM
Classroom: 201 Mugar (unless otherwise noted)

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This class is an opportunity for you to meet the Director of the School of Architecture, Faculty, Advisors, and the other Northeastern Staff members. You will have the chance to ask questions and learn how the Department and the College of Arts and Sciences work.

Attendance: Attendance will be taken. You are allowed one unexcused absence for the quarter.

Credit/Grading: You will receive one credit for this course. You will be grade with an S (pass) or a U (fail). If you miss two unexcused classes, you will receive a U.

Lectures: Attendance at NU Architecture Series Lectures is required. Lectures are held Monday evenings at 6pm in Room 20, West Village Building F. Online discussion groups to follow each lecture.

Mandatory Reading:
The Architect’s Newspaper (www.archpaper.com)

Discussion Boards: Weekly discussion boards will be posted online using the e-education platform ‘Blackboard’. Participation in weekly online discussions is mandatory. Discussion topics will vary each week and will include at least one article from The Architect’s Newspaper per week.

Additional Online Blogs/Reading (optional):
www.archinect.com Making Architecture More Connected
www.dezeen.com Design Magazine
www.archidose.blogspot.com A Daily Dose of Architecture from NYC
www.inhabit.com Sustainable Design Blog
www.architects.org Boston Society of Architect’s Website

September 9 Introduction
In class:
- Topographical History of Boston

Online Assignments / Discussions:
1. The Architect’s Newspaper Article(s): TBA
2. Discussion: ‘Pursuing Architecture’
Discuss what has brought you to pursue an education and career in architecture.

**September 16**  
**History & Studio**

**In Class:**
- Discussion on the Architect’s Newspaper Article on Design & Architecture
- Lucy Maulsby & Kiel Moe’s argument on History/Studio interaction
- Studio Sequence

**Online Assignments / Discussions:**
1. **The Architect’s Newspaper Article(s):** TBA
2. **Discussion: Studio Culture**
   - Discuss any questions, apprehensions, comments, and future benefits that you expect will arise during your introduction to the Ruggles Studio Culture.

**September 21**  
**NU Lecture: Casa Granturismo - Ricardo Camancho**

**September 23**  
**The Language of Architecture**

**In Class:**
- Discussion on the Architect's Newspaper Article on Design & Architecture
- Discussion of common terms used in the architecture profession

**Online Assignments / Discussions:**
1. **The Architect’s Newspaper Article(s):** TBA
2. **Discussion: NU Lecture**
   - Discuss, comment, and provide insight on previous Monday’s NU Architecture lecture.

**September 28**  
**NU Lecture: Landing Studio - Daniel Adams**

**September 30**  
**Moves vs. Strategy**

**In Class:**
- Eastern State Penitentiary and the Panopticon
- Specific skills
- Strategic thinking and planning
- Discuss The Architect’s Newspaper articles on Design & Architecture

**Online Assignments / Discussions:**
1. **The Architect’s Newspaper Article(s):** TBA
2. **Discussion: TBA**

**October 7**  
**Plagiarism**

**In Class:**
- Discussion on the Architect's Newspaper Article on Design & Architecture
- Visits by history faculty
- OSCCR
- Review precise rules

**Online Assignments / Discussions:**
1. **The Architect’s Newspaper Article(s):** TBA
2. **Discussion: Favorite Building**
- Using the language that was discussed in class on the 24th, describe your ‘favorite’ building and why you think it is a strong architectural work.

October 14       Top of the PRU
In Class:
- Meet at Prudential Skywalk Gallery
- Discuss “morphology” of Boston and view significant sites
- Note historical layers of the city
Online Assignments / Discussions:
1. The Architect’s Newspaper Article(s): TBA
2. Discussion: TBA

October 19
NU Lecture: Yasha Grobman

October 21       Historical Conditions of Cities
In Class:
- Discussion on the Architect’s Newspaper Article on Design & Architecture
- Historic Conditions of Cities: Formal, Economic, Changes today
Online Assignments / Discussions:
1. The Architect’s Newspaper Article(s): TBA
2. Discussion: NU Lecture
   - Discuss, comment, and provide insight on previous Monday’s NU Architecture lecture.

October 28       Design Thinking
In Class:
- Experiential/ Perceptual/ Sensual
- Rational/ Conceptual
- Allegorical / Narrative
- Architecture / Representation
Online Assignments / Discussions:
1. The Architect’s Newspaper Article(s): TBA
2. Discussion: TBA

November 4      Spring pre-Registration & Co-op Intro
In Class:
- Lynn Burke
- Katie Cameron and Megan Sinclair
- Discuss The Architect’s Newspaper articles on Design & Architecture
- Final Presentation assignment
Online Assignments / Discussions:
1. The Architect’s Newspaper Article(s): TBA
2. Discussion: NU Lecture
   - Discuss, comment, and provide insight on previous Monday’s NU Architecture lecture.
3. Discussion: Co-op
   Based on Lynn Burke’s Presentation, discuss any questions, apprehensions, comments, and future benefits that you expect will arise during your first co-op.
November 9
NU Lecture: Interboro Partners - Tobias Armbrorst, Daniel D'Oca, and Georgeen Theodore

November 11  Preparation for Presentations
In Class:
- Discussion on the Architect's Newspaper Article on Design & Architecture
- Purpose of reviews – Architecture as an Iterative Process
Online Assignments / Discussions:
1. The Architect’s Newspaper Article(s): TBA
2. Discussion: NU Lecture
   - Discuss, comment, and provide insight on previous Monday’s NU Architecture lecture.

November 16
NU Lecture: Commonwealth Design - F.David Boira and Zoe Coombes

November 19  Student Presentations
In Class:
- Student Presentations