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Introduction

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ARC 131H1F Introduction to Architecture

Instructor(s): J.B. Mays

Enr: 357   Resp: 205   Retake: 66%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	3	9	20	31	26	8	4.9
Explains	0	3	12	20	28	27	7	4.8
Communicates	1	3	6	16	22	30	20	5.3
Teaching	2	3	13	22	31	19	7	4.7
Workload	0	1	4	60	20	9	4	4.5
Difficulty	0	1	5	45	31	14	2	4.6
Learn Exp	1	5	10	35	26	13	5	4.4

There were many complaints about this course. Many students said the midterm was unfair and felt it did not test what they had learned but rather what they had memorized from the text. Test questions were difficult and students wanted more time to complete them. Also, the instructor could have been clearer about what was expected from them for the tests.

Assignments were marked harshly and with little or no feedback, and again the expectations were not clearly laid out. Students also felt that a course website would have been very useful for the posting of lecture notes and slides. Tutorials were another thing that students felt would have been helpful - especially for answering questions, reviewing lecture material and getting better explanations of assignments.

Mays, while passionate about architecture, did not communicate the material effectively. Some students found lectures unstructured and boring at times and wished lectures dealt with the readings as well. Others felt Mays could have been more enthusiastic in his presentation.

ARC 132H1S Contemporary Architecture

Instructor(s): R. Levit

Enr: 361   Resp: 194   Retake: 80%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	1	2	13	35	30	15	5.4
Explains	0	0	3	10	27	39	19	5.6
Communicates	0	0	1	6	23	40	27	5.8
Teaching	0	0	2	8	32	37	18	5.6
Workload	1	1	6	68	14	6	1	4.2
Difficulty	1	0	7	56	22	9	2	4.4
Learn Exp	1	1	3	28	31	20	12	5.0

Levit was a good teacher. He communicated interesting material with enthusiasm and answered students' questions clearly. Sometimes, he could be repetitive making him run out of time. The website and slides were great resources. Several students wished he had provided clearer guidelines for the essay and tests.

ARC 213H1S Architectural Design I

Instructor(s): M. Denegri

Enr: 30   Resp: 19   Retake: 88%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	5	11	44	27	11	5.3
Explains	0	0	10	15	36	26	10	5.1
Communicates	0	0	0	10	21	47	21	5.8
Teaching	0	0	0	15	31	47	5	5.4
Workload	0	0	0	5	26	42	26	5.9
Difficulty	0	0	0	26	26	47	0	5.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	28	35	28	7	5.1

Students were able to clearly grasp the concepts presented in the course due to Denegri's practical, enthusiastic and efficient instruction. The material was interesting, but the reading was quite heavy.

Instructor(s): M. Denegri

Enr: 29   Resp: 21   Retake: 84%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	4	23	52	9	9	5.0
Explains	0	5	15	15	40	20	5	4.7
Communicates	0	0	4	9	33	28	23	5.6
Teaching	0	0	9	4	28	33	23	5.6
Workload	0	0	0	4	38	47	9	5.6
Difficulty	0	0	0	23	38	33	4	5.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	37	31	0	31	5.2

Denegri was a very approachable and helpful instructor. She gave students appropriate guidance and feedback on their projects to ensure productive work.

ARC 221H1F Architectural Representation I

Instructor(s): M. Denegri

Enr: 31   Resp: 28   Retake: 96%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	7	28	28	25	10	5.0
Explains	0	3	11	18	11	40	14	5.2
Communicates	0	0	0	11	14	44	29	5.9
Teaching	0	3	3	14	22	33	22	5.4
Workload	0	0	0	10	28	32	28	5.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	18	55	18	7	5.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	16	12	29	41	6.0

Students thought Denegri was a good instructor who was very approachable, helpful and enthusiastic. A few students felt that the assignment requirements could have been better explained.

ARC 233H1F Post-Colonial Studies in Architecture

Instructor(s): A. Sornin

Enr: 51   Resp: 29   Retake: 35%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	3	0	0	48	34	10	3	4.6
Explains	0	6	0	27	51	13	0	4.7
Communicates	3	3	7	28	42	14	0	4.5
Teaching	3	3	0	24	44	17	6	4.8
Workload	0	3	3	28	37	17	7	4.9
Difficulty	0	0	3	35	25	17	17	5.1
Learn Exp	0	8	20	45	16	8	0	4.0

Some students felt the course required too much background information for a 200-level course and relied too much on the readings.

Students found Sornin difficult to understand at times.

ARC 236H1S Design and Cultural Transformations

Instructor(s): R. Fones

Enr: 70   Resp: 58   Retake: 91%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	1	3	13	37	43	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	5	14	43	36	6.1
Communicates	0	0	1	5	20	36	36	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	7	10	51	30	6.1
Workload	1	10	23	53	10	0	0	3.6
Difficulty	1	8	22	61	5	0	0	3.6

Learn Exp	0	0	3	28	28	23	15	5.2

Students found Fones' humourous and clear instruction fun to attend. He used excellent examples to support the concepts he presented to class, and brought models for students to view. The material was interesting and easy to understand. Students thought this was a great course overall.

ARC 313H1F Architectural Design II

Instructor(s): D. Chu

Enr: 22   Resp: 12   Retake: 63%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	8	50	16	16	8	4.7
Explains	0	8	41	8	25	16	0	4.0
Communicates	0	8	8	25	33	25	0	4.6
Teaching	0	8	16	41	16	8	8	4.2
Workload	0	0	0	8	25	33	33	5.9
Difficulty	0	0	0	16	8	66	8	5.7
Learn Exp	20	10	20	30	20	0	0	3.2

At times, students found it difficult to understand and communicate with Chu. However, Chu was very kind and eager to help.

Instructor(s): D. Carter

Enr: 24   Resp: 15   Retake: 78%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	6	0	6	20	46	20	0	4.6
Explains	7	0	0	35	28	14	14	4.8
Communicates	7	0	14	7	14	35	21	5.1
Teaching	7	0	7	28	28	28	0	4.6
Workload	0	0	0	0	20	26	53	6.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	6	26	40	26	5.9
Learn Exp	7	0	7	21	42	21	0	4.6

Students wished Carter had regular office hours for consultation. Also, some students felt the workload was too heavy and that more studio time was needed.

ARC 314H1S Architectural Design III

Instructor(s): M. Graham

Enr: 24   Resp: 15   Retake: 93%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	14	14	50	21	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	6	33	46	13	5.7
Communicates	0	0	6	0	26	40	26	5.8
Teaching	0	0	6	0	13	53	26	5.9
Workload	0	0	0	0	40	26	33	5.9
Difficulty	0	0	0	20	40	40	0	5.2
Learn Exp	0	0	21	14	21	35	7	4.9

Graham was friendly, organized and enthusiastic. She readily offered suggestions on students' projects.

Instructor(s): K. Weiss

Enr: 22   Resp: 19   Retake: 81%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	5	5	33	33	11	5	5	3.8
Explains	0	5	11	50	16	16	0	4.3
Communicates	0	5	16	0	16	33	27	5.4
Teaching	0	11	16	27	38	5	0	4.1
Workload	0	0	0	10	21	31	36	5.9
Difficulty	0	0	0	31	26	10	31	5.4
Learn Exp	0	0	6	50	25	12	6	4.6

Though somewhat disorganized, Weiss was very personable and friendly. Students wished he had provided explicit criteria for the projects so that they knew what was required. They also believed that the workload was quite heavy.

ARC 321H1F Architectural Representation II

Instructor(s): T. Bessai

Enr: 25   Resp: 20   Retake: 75%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	5	50	30	15	5.6
Explains	0	0	0	5	15	40	40	6.2
Communicates	0	0	0	0	10	25	62	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	0	20	55	25	6.1
Workload	0	0	0	0	40	35	25	5.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	10	57	31	0	5.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	17	23	47	11	5.5

Bessai was a very good studio instructor who communicated well, was enthusiastic and demonstrated a great knowledge of the subject.

Instructor(s): K. Weiss

Enr: 19   Resp: 13   Retake: 83%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	7	38	23	30	0	4.8
Explains	0	0	0	30	53	15	0	4.8
Communicates	0	0	7	7	7	61	15	5.7
Teaching	0	0	7	30	38	23	0	4.8
Workload	0	0	0	7	23	53	15	5.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	23	23	46	7	5.4
Learn Exp	0	10	0	20	60	10	0	4.6

Weiss was praised for being very approachable.

ARC 342H1S Building Technology-Ecology II

Instructor(s): M. Liefhebber

Enr: 48   Resp: 11   Retake: 77%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	9	18	9	18	27	9	9	4.0
Explains	9	0	9	18	9	36	18	5.0
Communicates	0	0	0	9	27	27	36	5.9
Teaching	10	10	10	20	30	0	20	4.3
Workload	0	0	0	81	18	0	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	9	72	9	0	9	4.3
Learn Exp	11	0	22	22	22	11	11	4.2

Some students felt that this course was presented in a disorderly fashion - the lecturer "missed or cancelled some classes, was not accessible through email, and did not give clear requirements on the project." However, the material was interesting and the field trip was fun.

ARC 413H1F Architectural Design IV

Instructor(s): D. Lieberman

Enr: 16   Resp: 13   Retake: 100%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	8	50	25	16	5.5
Explains	0	0	0	7	38	30	23	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	15	46	38	6.2
Teaching	0	0	7	0	38	30	23	5.6
Workload	0	0	0	0	7	46	46	6.4
Difficulty	0	0	0	15	0	61	23	5.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	7	23	69	6.6

Overall, students really enjoyed this studio course. Lieberman was helpful, enthusiastic and encouraged creativity.

ARC 414H1F Introduction to Graphic Design

Instructor(s): K. Sugden

Enr: 15   Resp: 13   Retake: 90%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	33	58	8	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	0	7	38	53	6.5
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	7	92	6.9

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	53	46	6.5
Workload	0	0	16	58	25	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	0	69	23	7	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	6.5

Sugden was deemed enthusiastic and very knowledgeable.

ARC 417H1S Word Image and Form

Instructor(s): R. Fones

Enr: 12   Resp: 10   Retake: 77%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	22	0	55	22	0	4.8
Explains	0	0	0	22	44	22	11	5.2
Communicates	0	0	0	0	55	44	0	5.4
Teaching	0	0	0	11	33	55	0	5.4
Workload	0	0	0	66	22	11	0	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	0	88	11	0	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	50	50	0	0	4.5

Fones was organized and helpful. Students liked the open projects because it allowed them to be creative.

ARC 431H1F Historical Perspectives on Topics in Architecture

Instructor(s): A. Sornin

Enr: 23   Resp: 13   Retake: 45%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	7	69	15	7	5.2
Explains	0	0	8	25	25	41	0	5.0
Communicates	0	0	0	8	25	41	25	5.8
Teaching	0	0	7	7	46	38	0	5.2
Workload	0	0	15	53	15	15	0	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	53	23	15	7	4.8
Learn Exp	0	11	11	44	11	11	11	4.3

Some students found Sornin's lectures a little difficult to follow - mostly due to his soft voice. However, he was very knowledgeable.

ARC 432H1S Historical Perspectives on Topics in Architecture II

Instructor(s): S. Scrivano

Enr: 24   Resp: 8   Retake: 28%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	12	50	25	12	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	12	62	12	12	5.2
Communicates	0	0	12	0	37	25	25	5.5
Teaching	0	0	12	25	12	37	12	5.1
Workload	0	0	12	75	12	0	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	12	62	25	0	0	4.1
Learn Exp	33	16	16	33	0	0	0	2.5

ARC 433H1S Urban Design History, Theory Criticism I

Instructor(s): K. Weiss

Enr: 17   Resp: 15   Retake: 64%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	7	0	14	21	50	0	7	4.4
Explains	0	0	21	7	57	7	7	4.7
Communicates	0	0	7	7	57	21	7	5.1
Teaching	0	7	14	14	42	7	14	4.7
Workload	0	0	7	85	7	0	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	14	71	14	0	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	63	9	27	0	4.6

ARC 438H1F Mies van der Rohe

Instructor(s): J.B. Mays

Enr: 8   Resp: 6   Retake: 100%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	6.5
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	33	66	6.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	16	16	66	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	16	33	50	6.3
Workload	0	0	0	50	16	33	0	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	33	50	16	0	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	16	33	16	33	5.7

Mays performed very well as an instructor.

ARC 441H1F Architecture in Technological-Ecological Context

Instructor(s): J. Stinson

Enr: 16   Resp: 12   Retake: 9%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	8	0	8	50	25	8	0	4.1
Explains	8	16	8	41	16	8	0	3.7
Communicates	0	0	8	50	33	0	0	4.5
Teaching	8	8	16	41	16	8	0	3.8
Workload	0	0	9	81	0	9	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	25	75	0	0	0	3.8
Learn Exp	23	33	22	11	0	11	0	2.7

ARC 442H1S Building Science, Materials and Construction I

Instructor(s): M. Lio

Enr: 19   Resp: 16   Retake: 80%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	12	25	25	37	5.9
Explains	0	0	6	12	6	43	31	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	6	25	68	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	12	12	31	43	6.1
Workload	0	0	0	12	25	50	12	5.6
Difficulty	0	0	0	6	25	50	18	5.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	9	27	27	36	5.9

Students found the material interesting and valuable. Lio was a very good instructor who communicated concepts clearly and with enthusiasm. There was a lot of reading in the course.

ASIA-PACIFIC STUDIES COURSES

ASI 400Y1Y Globalization and the Asia Pacific

Instructor(s): M. Donnelly

Enr: 16   Resp: 16   Retake: 81%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	6	6	18	68	6.5
Explains	0	0	0	0	12	6	81	6.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	7.0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	6	12	81	6.8
Workload	0	0	0	26	40	20	13	5.2
Difficulty	0	0	6	37	31	18	6	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	0	20	80	6.8

Donnelly was an excellent instructor who was "very enthusiastic and passionate" about teaching the material. The course was very enjoyable for most students who described it as "intriguing", "informative", and "an excellent learning experience".