310400 - Engineering in the Architecture of the 20th and 21st Century

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Teaching unit: 756 - THATC - Department of History and Theory of Architecture and Communication Techniques
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Degree: MASTER'S DEGREE IN ADVANCED BUILDING CONSTRUCTION (Syllabus 2014). (Teaching unit Compulsory)
ECTS credits: 5
Teaching languages: Spanish

Teaching staff
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Others: Graus Rovira, Ramon
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Opening hours
Timetable: It will be indicated in the board of the Secció d'Història de la Construcció (3rd floor).

Degree competences to which the subject contributes

Basic:
2. Possess and understand knowledge which provide a basis or opportunity to be original in the development and/or application of ideas, usually in a context of research.
3. The students must be able to apply the acquired knowledges and their ability of resolution of problems in new or little known environments inside more wide environments (or multidisciplinary) related with their study field.
4. The students must be able to integrate knowledges and front to the complexity to formulate opinions from an information which, being incomplete or limited, includes reflections about the social and ethical responsabilities linked to the application of their knowledges and opinions.
5. The students must be able to communicate their conclusions and the knowledges and ultimate reasons which support to specialised and non-specialised audiences in a clear mode and without ambiguities.
1. The students must possess the learning abilities which allow them to continue studying in a way which should be to a large extent self-directed and autonomous.

Specific:
6. Capacity of innovation: identify the reasons and the mechanisms of the technologic and technical changes.
7. Make a model of structures of buildings and evaluate the load they can support.

General:
8. Prepare to communicate with efficiency, orally but also in written.
9. Prepare the student in the using of tools that are common in the investigation activities, like the analysis and treatment of data, just like methodology and investigation techniques.

Transversal:
10. ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION: Knowing about and understanding how businesses are run and the sciences that govern their activity. Having the ability to understand labor laws and how planning, industrial and marketing strategies, quality and profits relate to each other.
11. SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT. Being aware of and understanding the complexity of social and economic phenomena that characterize the welfare society. Having the ability to relate welfare to globalization and sustainability. Being able to make a balanced use of techniques, technology, the economy and sustainability.
12. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES. Managing the acquisition, structure, analysis and display of information from the own field of specialization. Taking a critical stance with regard to the results obtained.

**Teaching methodology**

There will be combined two supplementary approximations: the historical and the bibliographical. The historical approximation shows the technical changes in the architecture, inside the cultural, social and economic context of each moment; while the bibliographical approximation allows to see, in the framework of the technical innovations, the diversity (educational and occupational) of what means to be an engineer in the architecture of the contemporaneity.

There will be done participative expounded classes combined with master classes to motivate and facilitate the learning and the deep reflection of the topics objective of the course. In the same way, inside the in-person schedule there will be reserved a space to guide the works and the autonomous practices.

**Learning objectives of the subject**

At the end of the subject, the students should be able to:
- Understand what means to be an engineer in the contemporaneity and its educational and occupational diversity.
- Define the own constructive features of each period of the architecture of the XX and XXI centuries.
- To value the role of the technique in the architecture and the engineering of the XX and XXI centuries and the weight of the architecture and the engineering in the technical changes.
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**Study load**

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<th>Total learning time: 125h</th>
<th>Hours large group: 17h 30m</th>
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<td>Hours medium group: 5h</td>
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<td>Guided activities: 7h 30m</td>
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<td>Self study: 90h</td>
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### Content

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<th>C1 ANTECEDENTES</th>
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<td>Self study: 13h</td>
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**Description:**
In this content, there will be done two sessions:

1. The steel reticle and the new conception of the binomial structure-enclosure.
2. The reinforced concrete, structural technique of the XX century.

**Related activities:**
A3 WRITTEN EXAM

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C2 EL PAPEL DE LA TÉCNICA EN LA FORMALIZACIÓN DE LA ARQUITECTURA DEL MOVIMIENTO MODERNO

**Description:**
In this content there will be done 5 sessions:

3. Industrial architecture: From Behrens to Gropius.
4. Technique and architecture in the work of Auguste Perret.
5. Technique and architecture in the work of Le Corbusier.
6. Taylorism and neues Bauen.
7. Technique and architecture in the work of Mies van der Rohe.

**Related activities:**
- A1 READING AND TEXT COMMENTARY ABOUT A TEXT OF THE INTER-WAR PREIOD
- A3 WRITTEN EXAM

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**Learning time:** 45h 30m
- Theory classes: 5h
- Practical classes: 2h
- Laboratory classes: 3h
- Guided activities: 3h 30m
- Self study: 32h
### C3 INGENIERÍA Y ARQUITECTURA DESPUÉS DE LA SEGUNDA GUERRA MUNDIAL

**Learning time:** 62h 30m  
- Theory classes: 8h 30m  
- Practical classes: 3h  
- Laboratory classes: 2h  
- Guided activities: 4h  
- Self study: 45h

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| 8. Exploring advanced techniques: Richard Buckminster Fuller, Case Study House Program.  
9. Craftsmen of the industry: Jean Prouvé, Miguel Fisac.  
10. The glass box and the second transformation of the surrounding.  
11. Technical debates about the collective housing during the European post-War period.  
12. The visible construction: Louis I. Kahn with August Komendant, Stirling & Gowan with Frank Newby.  

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| A2 READING AND TEXT COMMENTARY ABOUT A TEXT OF THE PERIOD FOLLOWING THE SECOND WORLD WAR  
A3 WRITTEN EXAM |

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## Planning of activities

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<td><strong>A1 LECTURA Y COMENTARIO SOBRE UN TEXTO DEL PERÍODO DE ENTREGUERRAS</strong></td>
<td><strong>3h 30m</strong> Guided activities: 3h 30m</td>
<td>The student will choose an article of the articles list to read it and make a critical remark. The text will have an extension between 4 or 5 A4 pages.</td>
<td>At the beginning of the course there will be delivered to the students a list of articles about the topics to study.</td>
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<td><strong>A2 LECTURA Y COMENTARIO SOBRE UN TEXTO DEL PERÍODO POSTERIOR A LA SEGUNDA GUERRA MUNDIAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>4h</strong> Guided activities: 4h</td>
<td>The student will choose an article of the articles list to read it and make a critical remark. The text will have an extension between 4 or 5 A4 pages.</td>
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<td><strong>A3 EXAMEN ESCRITO</strong></td>
<td><strong>2h</strong> Theory classes: 2h</td>
<td>The student will be tested in writing of a question between 14 possible questions which he/she knows since the first day of the course. The questions will be developed widely during the in-person classes and, at the moment of the exam, the student can use notes and books.</td>
<td>At the beginning of the course there will be delivered to the students a list about the topics to study.</td>
<td>The exam will be done during the final exams period at the day and the time scheduled by the faculty.</td>
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### A4 VISIT TO THE ARCHITECTURE OF BARCELONA WITH THE TEACHER

**Description:**
Voluntarily visit with the professor, on a Saturday morning, to a building, neighbourhood or city for consolidating the explanations given to the theory group.

**Support materials:**
There will be given surveyings of the building or brief descriptions of the visited object.

**Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:**
There won't be any delivery.

**Specific objectives:**
- To approximate on first hand to the architecture, construction and the city of Barcelona.
- To consolidate the teaching given to the theory groups.

### Qualification system

Activity A1 - Reading and text commentary about a text of the inter-war period: 30% of the final mark.
Activity A2 - Reading and text commentary about a text of the period following the Second World War: 40% of the final mark.
Activity A3 - Written exam: 30% of the final mark.

### Regulations for carrying out activities

Activity A3 - Written exam: At the moment of the exam, the student can use notes and books. The written exam will have a maximum extent of 4 A4 pages.

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Bibliography

Basic:


Complementary:


