

Glasgow School of Art Course Specification

Course Title: Research Paper 1

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Course Code:	HECOS Code:	Academic Session:
PMAR101		2023-24

1. Course Title:
Research Paper 1

2. Date of Approval:	3. Lead School:	4. Other Schools:
Academic Council December 2023	Mackintosh School of Architecture	N/A

5. Credits:	6. SCQF Level:	7. Course Leader:
30	11	As per pathway

8. Associated Programmes:
Master of Architectural Studies

9. When Taught:
Stage 1

10. Course Aims:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To apply research methodologies and practices to an allied architectural field. • To identify a research question within an allied field of study and develop appropriate research in response. • To develop an academic writing practice in answering a self-directed research question <p>In addition the specific aims of the elective area are:</p> <p>Urban Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a critical understanding of the key cultural, social and economic issues that shape the urban environment. • To analyse the nature of a particular place (town or city) in order to devise strategies and visions for its future. • To devise and test solutions against local conditions and to reflect upon their applicability in global situations. <p>Urban Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a critical understanding of the key cultural, social, economic and technological issues that influence the role and form of architecture within the city.

- To analyse the nature of a particular urban site and to devise a particular programme of use in order to prepare designs for an urban building.
- To demonstrate the organisation of an urban building and its architectural qualities in response to local conditions and to reflect upon the applicability of the chosen approach in global situations.

Digital Creativity

- To develop a critical understanding of the key philosophical notions of information, reality, materiality and cyberspace.
- To develop a theoretical understanding of the intellectual trends in computer based design cognition.
- To explore and demonstrate appropriate skills in the use of various machine based media and techniques in the design process.

Energy and Environment

- To develop a critical understanding of the key principles relevant to the creation of sustainable architecture.
- To gain an understanding of the physical parameters that determine the performance of buildings in terms of environmental efficiency, comfort and well being, relative to function and climatic context.
- To develop an ability to use appropriate analytical tools to make an innovative contribution to the design of sustainable, solar, bio-climatic or green architecture.

History and Theory of the City

- To equip students with a range of methods and ideas for examining urban architecture through a historical and theoretical framework.
- To provide a broad coverage of significant themes and case studies in history and theory relating to western urban architecture.
- To enable and stimulate the development of students' independent research interests and learning within the discipline and subject area.

Creative Urban Practices

- To develop a critical understanding of the key theories and practices of space and place, in the context of historical and contemporary urbanism.
- To analyse the nature of a particular place in order to devise creative propositions that address issues of space and place in that location.
- To reflect upon the links between theories and practices of space and place and the realities of contemporary urban design practice.

Zero-Energy Mass Custom Housing

- To develop a critical understanding of design, production and communication principles relevant to the delivery of zero energy sustainable housing.
- To gain an understanding of key parameters that determines the housing affordability and performance in view of socio-demographic contexts.
- To develop an ability to use appropriate analytical tools to make an innovative contribution to mass-customising socially, economically and environmentally responsible housing units and the community development.

11. Intended Learning Outcomes of Course:

At the end of the Course each student should have the ability to demonstrate and/or work with:

Category A: Knowledge and Understanding

- Knowledge that covers and integrates most, if not all, of the main features, boundaries, terminology and conventions of the chosen elective pathway.

Category B: Practice – Applied Knowledge and Understanding

- Apply a range of standard and specialised methods of enquiry relevant to design and design research.
- Plan and execute a significant project of research, investigation and/or design.
- Demonstrate creativity in the application of theoretical, conceptual and practical knowledge

Category C: Generic Cognitive Skills

- Apply critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis to issues which are at the forefront, or are informed by developments at the forefront, of the areas of study.

Category D: Communication, ICT and Numeracy Skills

- Communicate on an expert level in a variety of roles and contexts.
- Communicate, using appropriate methods, to a range of audiences with different levels of knowledge/expertise.

Category E: Autonomy, Accountability and Working with others

- Exercise substantial autonomy and initiative in carrying out the work related to the Course of study.
- Demonstrate the ability to manage time and physical resources in relationship to undertaking self-directed study as an individual and a group member.

12. Indicative Content:

The course comprises of a series of lectures, seminars, case studies and design projects as appropriate to the Pathway in which the elective is based.

The student elects which of their core lecture courses will form the basis of Research Paper 1, after taking part in the delivery of the Core Input Lectures & Seminars at the beginning of Stage 1 (term 1). Research Paper 1 is completed and submitted within Stage 1 for assessment.

The student is required to submit a rationale making the case for the choice of elective and the topic of research to be explored in Research Paper 1.

It is important that a clear case for the choice is made, and one that builds on an understanding of the pathway area from the introduction and lectures attended.

On this basis the rationale and choice is accepted or is rejected subject to development and revision. Once the rationale has been considered and accepted students attend a series of group tutorials to discuss and develop the research paper with the pathway tutor.

The elective cannot be based on the student's specialist Pathway.

Elective areas available are:

- Urban Design

- Urban Building
- Digital Creativity
- Energy and Environment
- History and Theory of the City
- Creative Urban Practices
- Zero-Energy Mass Custom Housing

13. Description of Summative Assessment Methods:

Assessment Method	Description of Assessment Method	Weight %	Submission week (assignments)
Essay	6,000 – 7,000 words	100	Semester 1 week 13
Or exceptionally through agreement with pathway tutor:			
Project with Supporting Report	Design Project with supporting report of 1,500 – 2,000 words	100	Semester 1 week 13

13.1 Please describe the Summative Assessment arrangements:

The Research Paper 1 is assessed against the stated learning outcomes of the course.

The submission will be assessed by the Internal Examination Board, comprising the elective tutor and Programme team. Written feedback will be given.

A candidate will be permitted reassessment in the course, if he or she has obtained a grade D1 or worse. A candidate will be entitled to one reassessment only, which must take place prior to the submission of the course work for the next stage

All reassessment results will be capped at grade C3.

14. Description of Formative Assessment Methods:

Engagement with formative assessment is a mandatory requirement.

Formative feedback is available through regular tutorial sessions and group discussions

14.1 Please describe the Formative Assessment arrangements:

N/A

15. Learning and Teaching Methods:

Formal Contact Hours	Notional Learning Hours
25	300

15.1 Description of Teaching and Learning Methods:

Timetable:

- Induction meeting Late September
- Lecture input and associated seminars occur weekly during the first 10 weeks of the stage
- Deadline for rationale submission Mid to Late October
- Electives confirmed Late October
- Elective tutorials occur weekly following the submission and approval of elective rationale
- Submission date Early January

16. Pre-requisites:

First Class or Upper Second Class Honours Degree, or the equivalent in a field relevant to the chosen Pathway.

17. Can this course be taken by Exchange/Study Abroad students?	No
18. Are all the students on the course taught wholly by distance learning?	No
19. Does this course represent a work placement or a year of study abroad?	No
20. Is this course collaborative with any other institutions?	No
20.1 If yes, then please enter the names of the other teaching institutions:	
N/A	

21. Additional Relevant Information:

N/A

22. Indicative Bibliography:

Dependent upon the Pathway in which the elective is based.

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