

Understanding Western Architecture
Course Syllabus & Class Schedule
LT-K, Tue & Thu, 9:00-10:20

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SEPTEMBER

Tuesday		Thursday		Week
5	Introduction and Chronology	7	Terminology	1
12	Greek Architecture	14	Greek Architecture	2
18	Roman Architecture	21	Roman Architecture	3
26	Early Christian Churches	28	Byzantine Architecture	4

OCTOBER

Tuesday		Thursday		Week
3	Short Quiz 1	5	Carolingian and Romanesque Architecture	5
10	Romanesque Architecture	12	Gothic Architecture	6
17	Gothic Architecture	19	Renaissance	7
24	Renaissance	26	Baroque	8
31	Baroque			9

NOVEMBER

Tuesday		Thursday		Week
		2	Short Quiz 2	9
7	Baroque & Rococo	9	Classical Revival Styles	10
14	Classical Revival Styles	16	New Trends in 19 th Century	11
21	Modern Architecture	23	Modern Architecture	12
28	Contemporary Architecture	30	Contemporary Architecture Conclusion & Revision	13

Study break: 1-6 Dec 2023, Exam period: 7-19 Dec 2023

Course description

This course gives students fundamental knowledge of the masterpieces of Western architecture and the variation in styles in different epochs and cultures, from ancient Greece to the 21st century.

Intended Learning Outcomes

Students taking this course will

- a) acquire a general understanding of the basic terminology of the subject
- b) know the chronology and typology of Western architecture from ancient Greece to the 21st century
- c) be able to identify the stylistic characteristics of different epochs in different Western countries and relate them to structural/tectonic systems, architectural theories and socio-economic and cultural conditions of their emergence

Field trip/museum visit

A field trip or a visit to an exhibition will be arranged, details will be announced. Participation is NOT obligatory but strongly encouraged.

Assessment of students' performance

1. 2 Short quizzes (50%) – MC, True/False, fill-in-the-blanks and short questions
2. Final exam (40%) – MC, True/False, fill-in-the-blanks, short questions and essay writing
3. Attendance (10%) – to be checked 10 times randomly, 1% will be deducted for each absence

CANVAS website

Web link: <https://canvas.ust.hk/courses/51484>

Weekly reading list

Students are expected to do weekly readings according to the following plan so as to deepen their knowledge of each topic covered in the syllabus. You should read the chapters in *Sutton* and one of the further readings, i.e. either *Glancey* or *Norwich*. The readings are required assignments of the course and must be followed closely.

Reading materials

1. Basic literature

Sutton, Ian. *Western Architecture: From Ancient Greece to the Present*. Thames and Hudson, 1999.
2. Further readings

Glancey, Jonathan. *The Story of Architecture*. Dorling Kindersley, 2003.

Norwich, John Julius (Ed.). *Great Architecture of the World*. Da Capo Press, 1991 (reprinted 2003).

Online materials

Kemp, Martin J. , Hoffmann, Herbert , Zukowsky, John , Coffin, David R. , Culican, William , Morrison, Hugh Sinclair , Bush-Brown, Albert , Rice, David Talbot , Middleton, Robin David , Bloch, Raymond , Watkin, David John , Fleming, William , Stern, Henri , Martindale, Andrew Henry Robert , Voyce, Arthur , Millikin, Sandra , Scranton, Robert L. , Cannon-Brookes, Peter , Millon, Henry A. , Timmers, Jan Joseph Marie and Boardman, John. "**Western architecture**". **Encyclopedia Britannica**, 1 Jun. 2023, <https://www.britannica.com/art/Western-architecture> . Accessed 12 July 2023.

Khan Academy, Arts and Humanities, **Art History**.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-history>

Week 1-13

Terminology-Fall23.pdf

Week 2-3 Greek and Roman architecture

Sutton, chapter 1, pp. 10-23 (**strongly recommended**)

Glancey, pp. 24-35

Norwich, pp. 56-76

Week 4 Early Christian and Byzantine architecture

Sutton, chapter 2, pp. 24-35 (**strongly recommended**)

Glancey, pp. 36-41

Norwich, pp. 78-87, 89-91

Week 5-6 Carolingian and Romanesque architecture

Sutton, chapter 3, pp. 38-67 (**strongly recommended**)

Glancey, pp. 42-45

Norwich, pp. 92-105, 107

Week 6-7 Gothic architecture

Sutton, chapter 4, pp. 74-99, 105-107 (**strongly recommended**)

Glancey, pp. 52-59, 64-65

Norwich, pp. 114-124

Week 7-8 Renaissance architecture

Sutton, chapter 5, pp. 126-139, 143-151, 157-163 (**strongly recommended**)

Glancey, pp. 66-77

Norwich, pp. 142-161, 168-171

Week 8-10 Italian Baroque architecture

Sutton, chapter 6, pp. 168-179 (**strongly recommended**)

Glancey, pp. 78-81

Norwich, pp. 172-177

French Baroque architecture

Sutton, chapter 6, pp. 205-209 (strongly recommended)

Glancey, pp. 87

Norwich, pp. 178-181

English Baroque & Neoclassic architecture

Sutton, chapter 6, pp. 215-223 (strongly recommended)

Glancey, pp. 84-85

Norwich, pp. 188-195

Week 10 Rococo architecture

Glancey, pp. 88-89

Norwich, pp. 184-185

Week 10-11 Classical Revival Styles

Sutton, ch. 7, pp. 229-234, 246-250, 255-264; ch. 8, pp. 268-274 (strongly recommended)

Glancey, pp. 118-131, 146-149

Norwich, pp. 200, 210-213

Week 11 New trends in the 19th century

Sutton, ch. 8, pp. 290-295, 298-299; ch. 9, pp. 304-315 (strongly recommended)

Glancey, pp. 134-143, 156-159, 166-169

Norwich, pp. 202-209, 218-219, 222-227

Week 12 Modern architecture

Sutton, chapter 9, pp. 316-335, 348-349 (strongly recommended)

Glancey, pp. 160-163, 172-179, 182-183, 188, 190-191

Norwich, pp. 228-241, 254-261

"Western architecture. 20th-century architecture, The Modernist Moment". *Encyclopædia Britannica. Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2017. (strongly recommended)

<https://www.britannica.com/art/Western-architecture/20th-century-architecture#ref47416>

Week 13 Contemporary architecture

Sutton, chapter 10, pp. 354-371

Glancey, pp. 198-201, 204-207, 218-225

"Western architecture. 20th-century architecture, Postmodernism". *Encyclopædia Britannica. Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2018. (strongly recommended)

<https://www.britannica.com/art/Western-architecture/Postmodernism>

"Western architecture. Architecture at the turn of the 21st century, Deconstruction & Millennial Trends". *Encyclopædia Britannica. Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2018. (strongly recommended)

<https://www.britannica.com/art/Western-architecture/Architecture-at-the-turn-of-the-21st-century>

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