7202 RESEARCH DOCUMENT

PREMISE

The final year of the MArch professional degree program is the period in which 2-year and 3-1/2 year masters students bring closure on the curricular knowledge they have acquired during the program. This course is a rigorous investigation, compilation, research, writing, and design-oriented set of activities that marks closure to the student’s accredited graduate educational experience. In turn it prepares students for professional practice, post-professional programs, and a general awareness of the rigors of architectural research.

An architectural research proposition is presented as an argument, based on an existing field of scholarship, and structured in a way that provides a unique opportunity to engage in activities that address these issues via design and/or research. This set of academic experiences establishes a rigorous set of skills for MArch students. Successful completion of the research in this class concludes with a public presentation of a research project and the compilation of a comprehensive document that is submitted to, and approved by, the faculty.

METHOD AND CONTENT

The document produced in this class is divided into two parts: the first half consists of focused assignments aimed to collect and analyze work by important designers and writers. With this material the student is asked to synthesize and argue a unique position based on the work of these individuals. The last week of the first half of the fall semester will be spent preparing a presentation of student progress that communicates the intellectual framework students have used to contextualize the central argument, concept, or historical question they will pursue in the research. Case studies and written discourse exposing the details of their position will be brought to the forefront in the second part of the semester, along with a narrative discourse that argues a particular position.


BIBLIOGRAPHY


EVALUATIONS / GRADING

UNCCharlotte graduate grading scale shall be used as defined in the current University catalog.