Advanced Topics in Architectural Theory, History and Criticism 1
(E087500)

Course Specifications
Valid in the academic year 2018-2019

Course size
(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)

Credits 3.0
Study time 90 h
Contact hrs 30.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019

A (year)
Dutch, English
lecture 30.0 h
seminar 30.0 h

B (semester 2)

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019
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Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

| Master of Science in Engineering: Architecture (main subject Architectural Design and Construction Techniques) | 3 | A |
| Master of Science in Engineering: Architecture (main subject Urban Design and Architecture) | 3 | A |
| Exchange Programme Architecture | 3 | A, B |

Teaching languages
Dutch, English

Keywords
Architectural theory, architectural history, architectural criticism

Position of the course
This Advanced Topic focusses on a specific research subject related to the history, theory and criticism of architecture. In this course, students are introduced into the methodology of scientific research. The teaching format of the seminar, which stimulates a continuous interaction between teacher and student, is considered essential to the learning process.

Contents
The content of the research subjects varies each year, responding to current research, contemporary debates, exhibitions and conferences. The subjects, introduced through a number of lectures, are situated within the field of architectural theory, history and criticism.

Initial competences
Being in the possession of a Bachelor of Science in Engineering: Architecture, or meeting the admission requirements for the Master of Science in Engineering: Architecture, or having acquired these competences in a different way.

Final competences
1. Dealing with the complexity and diversity of the actual debate on the historiography and the theorisation of the field.
2. Developing a personal and critical reflection on a proposed research subject related to the field in an independent way.
3. Presenting an oral and written account of this critical, personal reflection, and in doing so, using the basic skills of architectural scientific research (tracing literature, making a bibliography, using footnotes, ...).
4. Developing visual scenarios in order to analyse research questions and present results.

Conditions for credit contract

(Approved)
Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment.

Conditions for exam contract
- This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract.

Teaching methods
- Guided self-study, lecture, seminar

Extra information on the teaching methods
- This course is organized through work sessions, taking the form of seminars. During these sessions, new topics are introduced through (guest)lectures, skills are developed interactively, and students present insights and progressions, which they acquired through individual study, to their mentors.

Learning materials and price
- Literature is made available via Minerva. Additional material to be searched via internet, library, ...

References
- Depending on the research subject, chosen that year (see literature Minerva).

Course content-related study coaching
- Students are mentored in work sessions. External specialists can be invited to attend intermediate and final presentations.

Evaluation methods
- continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation
- Participation, report

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
- Examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods
- First examination period: evaluating the report (may be accompanied by an oral presentation or conversation).
- Retake possibility: students choose whether or not they deliver an additional report in the second examination period.

Calculation of the examination mark
- First examination period: 30% participation in seminars, 70% report.
- Retake: the mark in the second examination period is the weighted average of the permanent evaluation in the first examination period and the additional task. If students do not take the retake possibility, the final mark for the first examination period is the resit mark.