Course Specifications
Valid as from 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 2020-2021
A (semester 2)  Dutch  lecture 30.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2020-2021
Davidts, Wouter  LW17  lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2020-2021

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Teaching languages
Dutch

Keywords
Vocabulary of Art and Architecture

Position of the course

"When I use a word,' Humpty Dumpty said in rather a scornful tone, 'it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less.'
'The question is,' said Alice, 'whether you can make words mean so many different things.'
'The question is,' said Humpty Dumpty, 'which is to be master — that's all.'
Lewis Caroll, Through the Looking Glass, Chapter VI, 1872

Here language is built, not written,
Robert Smithson, Language to be looked at and/or things to be read, 1967

DOGMA:I:AMGOD
Carl Andre, Art Theory, 1999

In daily discourse visual arts and architecture share many terms: space, object, material, structure, context, site, scale, etcetera. The meanings accorded to these terms however tend to significantly differ depending on the respective disciple or practice that uses them.

Contents

In the course Color and Materials we will explore some terms of the vocabulary shared by visual arts and architecture, while examining the differences and correspondences. Terms that are self-evident within architecture discourse are often used and understood in the visual arts in ways that sometimes differ, but also surprise and illuminate.

Based on the argument by Adrian Forty (Words and Buildings, 2000) that a critical vocabulary is not about things, it is about encounters with things, we will undertake an exploratory journey through the visual arts of the past 6 decades, with a special focus on artists’ writings.

The course Color and Materials consists of a series of ex cathedra lectures. In preparation of each lecture students receive a reading assignment, organized per lecture in a mandatory reading list. The assigned reading is part of the examination material.

In addition to the lectures, a one-day excursion to a museum in Belgium or abroad is organized.
The course is finalized with an assignment and an oral exam.

Initial competences

Final competences

1. Acquaintance with conceptual and formal design and production strategies in other domains than the discipline and practice of architecture, in particular in the visual arts.
2. Acquaintance with literature and writings from other domains than the discipline and practice of architecture, in particular from the visual arts.

Conditions for credit contract

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

Lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

Lectures, literature study, assignment and excursion. Lectures are the primary mode of teaching. During these lectures the reading assignment is discussed and elucidated.

Learning materials and price

At the start of the course a syllabus will be provided.

References

Course literature alternates yearly.

Course content-related study coaching

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation

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

Oral examination, assignment

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

Oral examination, assignment

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Calculation of the examination mark

Assignment, oral exam and participation during the excursion are marked separately:

• Paper: 30%
• Oral exam: 60%
• Participation during the excursion: 10%