

Syllabus

Section- 001 & 002
Room- Arch Annex
T-TH 9:00-11:50, 2:00-4:50
Prerequisites: Department Consent

The University of Texas at Arlington
School of Architecture
Architecture 1342 *Design Communications II*

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Course Description:

Design Communications II: ARCH 1342 is a continuation of architectural graphic techniques that include orthographic and axonometric drawing as well as compositional strategies and exploratory abstraction.

Attendance Policy:

Attendance for class is required. Arch 1341 and Arch 1342 are foundation courses that are essential to developing visual representation skills necessary for success in the School of Architecture. Students are allowed three (3) absences for which it is not required to provide a reason for the absence. It is the student's responsibility for dropping a course. The instructor may not drop a student for any reason. More than three absences will result in a half letter grade reduction in the final course grade for each class period missed after that point. Students should be present on time and ready to work and stay the entire class period. Late arrivals and early departures will result in a ½ absence. Disappearing during class may result in an absence being noted.

Outside work obligations and personal issues are not acceptable for incomplete work or absences.

Supplies:

Supplies for each project will be purchased as needed. The university bookstore will continue to carry all supplies purchased from 1341, however you may find the same materials at other local art (Asel Art) or hobby stores (Hobby Lobby).

Grading Policy:

There will be a series of projects similar to Arch 1341 which will be assigned as the semester unfolds. Each project will be weighted in relation to the time duration and importance equivalent to the percentage of a 15 week semester.

Expectations for Out-of-Class Study:

Beyond the required class time, students enrolled in DesCom II should expect to spend an additional 10+ hours per week of their own time in course-related activities.

Late Work:

Assignments are due at the beginning of each class period. Late work will be accepted the class period after it is due for a full letter grade reduction. Late work will not be accepted after the second class from when the assignment was originally due.

Drop Policy: Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://www.uta.edu/aao/fao/>).

Americans with Disabilities Act: The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

Emergency Exit Procedures: Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist handicapped individuals.

Grade Equivalences:

Exceptional	10+	A+	110
Excellent	10	A	100
	09	A-	90
Good	08	B	85
	07	B-	80
Acceptable	06	C	75
	05	C-	70
Needs Improvement	04	D	60
Unacceptable	03	F	50
Lacks Effort	02	F-	30
No Evidence	01	F- -	10

Grade Classifications:

Grades are given based on the student's comprehension, synthesis, execution, and craft of a given drawing problem. Grades are not given for the amount of effort put forth or for simply showing up. Each student will be given every opportunity to be successful. The grade received will be the grade earned.

A Exceptional / Outstanding / Excellent (89.6-100.0)

The student demonstrates mastery of the problems presented and exceeds expectations for scope of work, solution, craft, and presentation. The student has shown a high level of critical thinking, problem solving and has developed a consistent graphic language and work ethic. The student is always prepared for class with new material for discussion each class period. Dialog with the professor, fellow students and presentation of material is clear, professional and consistent.

B Good / Above Average (79.6-89.5)

C Acceptable / Average (69.6-79.5)

D Needs Improvement / Below Average / Poor (59.6-69.5)

F Unacceptable / Failing (0.0-59.5)

Academic Integrity: Students enrolled in this course are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington's tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence. I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code as they see fit in their courses, including (but not limited to) having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System *Regents' Rule* 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university's standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student's suspension or expulsion from the University.

Student Support Services: UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at www.uta.edu/resources.

Electronic Communication: UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>.

Student Feedback Survey: At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as "lecture," "seminar," or "laboratory" shall be directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student's feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlington's effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

Final Review Week: A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.