

# Architectural Professional Practice

## Course Syllabus (2026)

<b>Course Title</b>	Professional Practice in Architecture
<b>Course Code</b>	02049201
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	English
<b>Credits</b>	1.0
<b>Total Hours</b>	16
<b>Prerequisites</b>	None
<b>Assessment Method</b>	Coursework (Non-Exam)

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### 1. Course Description & Learning Objectives

This course is a compulsory component of the architecture program, serving as a bridge between academic education and professional practice. It is designed to cultivate essential professional competencies and ethical standards in students, helping them develop a sound professional ethos and a correct understanding of the architectural profession, thereby laying a solid foundation for their future careers.

The curriculum covers both Chinese and international architect registration systems; the professional characteristics and practice features of architects; the management and business operations of architectural practice; the organizational structure and operational mechanisms of architectural design firms in China and abroad; and the professional ethics and conduct expected of architects.

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### 2. Course Structure & Weekly Schedule

The course is primarily delivered through lectures and seminars over 16 class hours. **Note:** This course runs in Weeks 9–16 of the semester.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Core Topics &amp; Activities</b>	<b>Teaching Format</b>	<b>Hours</b>
9th	1. Course Introduction	Lecture	2

<b>Week</b>	<b>Core Topics &amp; Activities</b>	<b>Teaching Format</b>	<b>Hours</b>
	2. Chapter One: About Architects		
	3. Video: The Making of a Modern Architect		
10th	1. Chapter Two: Architect's Career Profile	Lecture	2
	2. Architect Study (Research Preparation)		
11th	Field Research: Architectural Firm Visit	Site Visit	2
12th	1. Chapter Three: Professional Characteristics of the Architect	Lecture	2
	2. Architect Study (Progress Review)		
	3. Research Assignment Briefing		
13th	1. Chapter Four: Architectural Education (Part I)	Lecture	2
	2. Architect Study (Research Development)		
14th	1. Chapter Four: Architectural Education (Part II)	Lecture	2
	2. Architect Study (Research Development)		
15th	1. Chapter Four: Architectural Education (Part III)	Lecture	2
	2. Architect Study (Final Preparation)		
16th	1. Research Presentations (PPT)	Presentations & Course Summary	2
	2. Final Essay Assignment		

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### 3. Assessment & Grading Criteria

This course emphasizes process-oriented assessment. The final grade is calculated based on the components listed below. Students who fail to achieve a passing grade must retake the course in its entirety in a subsequent semester.

<b>Assessment Type</b>	<b>Assessment Method</b>	<b>Weight (%)</b>
Attendance	Class Attendance	10%
Process Assessment 1	Classroom Performance (Participation in Discussions & Q&A)	20%
Process Assessment 2	Case Study Research & PPT Presentation	30%
Final Exam	Final Thesis / Research Essay	40%

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### 4. Recommended Textbooks & References

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>ISBN</b>	<b>Type</b>
Architectural Professional Practice	Zhang Hongran	China Architecture & Building Press	1st Edition	9787112100484	Reference Book
Professional Practice for Architects and Planners	Luo Xiaole, Zhu Guixiang	Chongqing University Pres	1st Edition	9787568901437	Reference Book