

Chinese Building Codes in Architecture

Course Syllabus (2026)

Course Title	Chinese Building Codes in Architecture
Course Code	020493
Language of Instruction	English
Credits	1.0
Total Hours	16
Prerequisites	None
Assessment Method	Coursework (Non-Exam)

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 introduce international students to the fundamental framework of Chinese architectural laws and regulations. The course aims to equip students with essential legal knowledge related to the construction industry and to cultivate a foundational awareness of professional legal compliance, thereby laying a solid groundwork for their future careers.

The curriculum covers key aspects of China's domestic building regulations, including the Registered Architect System, the construction project management framework, and key design-related codes.

2. Course Structure & Weekly Schedule

The course is primarily delivered through lectures and seminars over 16 class hours.

Week	Core Topics & Activities	Format	Hours
1th	1. Course Introduction	Lecture & Discussion	2

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	2. Case Study (Seminar)		
2th	1. Ch.1: Introduction to Building Regulations	Lecture & Discussion	2
	2. Case Study (Seminar)		
3th	1. Ch.2: Legal Framework of Construction (Part I)	Lecture & Discussion	2
	2. Case Study (Seminar)		
4th	1. Ch.2: Legal Framework of Construction (Part II)	Lecture & Discussion	2
	2. Case Study (Seminar)		
5th	1. Ch.3: Urban and Rural Planning Laws (Part I)	Lecture	2
	2. Ch.3: Urban and Rural Planning Laws (Part II)		
	3. Assignment: Investigative Research on Planning Violation Cases		
6th	Independent Field Research / Case Investigation	Research	2
7th	1. Ch.4: Legal Framework for Architectural Survey and Design	Lecture & Presentation	2
	2. Research Findings Presentation (Preliminary)		
8th	1. Research Findings Presentation (Final)	Lecture & Course Summary	2
	2. Final Essay Assignment		

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.

Assessment Type	Assessment Method	Weight (%)
Attendance	Class Attendance	10%
Process Assessment1	Classroom Performance (Participation in Discussions & Q&A)	20%
Process Assessment2	Case Study Research & PPT Presentation	30%
Final Exam	Final Thesis / Research Essay	40%

4. Recommended Textbooks & References

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Edition	ISBN	Type
Building Regulations in Architecture	Lei Ming	Tsinghua University Press	1st Edition	9787302419150	Reference Book
Construction Laws and Regulations	Dong Liangfeng, Zhang Youzhi	Southeast University Press	2nd Edition	9787564172794	Reference Book