ARC 308–Architecture and Society

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Handout #2

Course Outline

I. Introduction

Aug. 26 - Course Description

Aug 31 - Architecture and Society–Overview

Sept. 2 - Architectural Values/Philosophy/Principles/Prejudices/Theory

II. Form in Architecture

Sept. 7 - Architecture as Sensual/Visual Experience

Sept. 9 - Architecture as an Intellectual/Artistic Experience

Sept. 14 - Systems and Order

Sept. 16 - Session to be replaced by campus tours Sept. 11-12 Sept. 21 - Numbers/Mathematics/Geometry as Inspiration of Form

Sept. 23 - Nature/Biology/Organisms as Inspiration of Form [Reading in *Experiencing Architecture* to be completed by Sept. 23]

Sept. 28 - Synthesis – Form
Sept. 30 - Frank Gehry and Form

Oct. 5 - Test #1

III. Physical Considerations in Architecture

Oct. 7 - Buildings and Land

Oct. 12 - Geography/Topography/Ecology

Oct. 14 - Structure and Materials

Oct. 19 - Construction/Tectonics

Oct. 21 - Architecture in Response to Climate

[Readings in *Thermal Delight in Architecture* to be completed by Oct. 21]

Oct. 26 - Synthesis – Physical Considerations

Oct. 28 - Test #2

IV. Human Use in Architecture

Nov. 2 - Designation and Organization of Use

Nov. 4 - Architectural Determinism

Nov 9 - Humanism at the Personal Scale

Nov. 11 - Humanism at the Scale of Organizations/Communities/Bureaucracies

Nov. 16 - Meaning in Public Buildings

[Readings in *The Place of Houses* to be completed by Nov. 16)

Nov. 18 - Test #3

Nov. 23 - Sam Mockabee and Human Use

V. Combinations and Synthesis

Nov. 30 - Perfection and Compromise Dec. 2 - A Few Good Buildings