The University of Southern Mississippi  
College of Science & Technology – School of Construction  
ACT465/L – Architectural Design IV

COURSE SYLLABUS

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Office Hours  
• See attached Office Hours for the Instructor.

Drop Date  
• Last day to drop the class without Academic/Financial Penalty: January 20, 2015  
• Last day to drop the class and receive a “W” grade: April 1, 2015

Requisites, Credit Hours, Course Description  
• Prerequisite(s): ACT 363. Corequisite(s): ACT 465L. 2hrs + 1hr lab. Integration of building systems, furnishings and smart technology into the architectural design and space planning process.

Course Overview  
• The Lecture materials focus on developing and evaluating a program, and further elaborating the schematic design into building assemblies, material selection, and architectural style elements using architectural precedence. Structural & Systems shall be loosely considered but site/environmental conditions must be accounted for.

Course Outcome(s)  
• Students will develop and document a proposed solution to an architectural design problem from programming & pre-design through schematic design.

Student Course Objectives  
• Programming: Develop an architectural program based on functional & aesthetic need.  
• Precedence: Research and document architectural precedence based on historical or proven examples and apply them to a new architectural design.  
• Design: Apply principles of form and spatial organization to an architectural program.  
• Design: Select building assemblies, materials, and architectural style elements and apply them to a new architectural design.  
• Communication: Document and communicate architectural design solutions through the use of presentation media, illustrations, drawings, and written means.

Course Communication  
• Outside of the classroom, the main point of communication shall be via Blackboard and/or email. Students must originate emails from their campus email address and utilize proper email etiquette. Subject headings for all email should begin with the class number, example: “ACT262”.
Required Text (s) and Readings
- Textbooks:

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- Other Supplementary material provided by the Instructor in digital format or available online as required.

Technology Requirements
- Access to and fully functional use of Blackboard & campus email.
- The ability to download, save, and read Microsoft Office & Adobe pdf documents.
- Access to and advanced competency with computer aided design & documentation software as required to produce & present schematic design documents of architecture & construction related media.

Class Procedures and Requirements
- Students are required to be in attendance during class hours productively engaged in individual and group design activities. There will be a regular program of lectures, typically occurring during the regular class hours. Attendance at these lectures is mandatory and students are responsible for understanding and using the material presented.
- See attached Tentative Class Schedule for additional information.

Class Participation Policy
- For face-to-face sections, attendance is mandatory. Excused absences and a written proposal for completing missed work must be pre-approved by the Instructor prior to. Emergency, Medical, or Athletic/Academic leaves must be processed by the University and/or School of Construction and documentation shall be provided from administration. Two (2) or more Unexcused or Unauthorized absences will result in a failing grade for the semester. Missing assignments, tests, materials, etc. due to Unexcused or Unauthorized absences automatically receive a zero.

Evaluation Criteria (% of final average)
- Evaluation Criteria for assignments, quizzes, exams, exercises, etc... shall be weighted to a Final Grade and categorized as follows:
  - 30% Quizzes & Readings
  - 15% Architectural Precedence Paper
  - 15% Site Master Planning
  - 15% Programming
  - 15% Schematic Design
  - 10% Final Design Documents Presentation
Grading Scale

- Rubrics are provided for all assignments.
- Cumulative rubric scores for each Evaluation Criteria are equated to a 100pt scale.
- Final Grades are determined by a total of all Evaluation Criteria as weighted above. Numerical values are assigned Letter grades assigned as shown.

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Late Assignments or Projects
- Late work will not be accepted.

Academic Honesty

The following is from the USM Undergraduate Bulletin:

“When cheating is discovered, the faculty member may give the student an F on the work involved or in the course. If further disciplinary action is deemed appropriate, the student should be reported to the Dean of Students. In addition to being a violation of academic honesty, cheating violates the Code of Student Conduct and may be grounds for probation, suspension, and/or expulsion. Students on disciplinary suspension may not enroll in any courses offered by The University of Southern Mississippi.”

ADA Policy

If a student has a disability that qualifies under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires accommodations, he/she should contact the Office for Disability Accommodations (ODA) for information on appropriate policies and procedures. Disabilities covered by ADA may include learning, psychiatric, physical disabilities, or chronic health disorders. Students can contact ODA if they are not certain whether a medical condition/disability qualifies.

Address:
The University of Southern Mississippi
Office for Disability Accommodations
118 College Drive # 8586
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

Voice Telephone: (601) 266-5024 or (228) 214-3232
Fax: (601) 266-6035

Individuals with hearing impairments can contact ODA using the Mississippi Relay Service at 1-800-582-2233 (TTY) or email Suzy Hebert at Suzanne.Hebert@usm.edu.

Tentative Class Schedule
- See attached.