

## Honors in the Department of History of Art Architecture: Architectural Studies

Graduation with honors in Architectural Studies requires at least 8 credits of specially designated honors coursework and an average grade of A- in Architectural Studies courses. Honors students take a 500-level seminar taught by any of the History of Art & Architecture faculty by the end of the first semester of their Senior year. This course will result in an honors project on an original research topic written according to scholarly standards of presentation. The honors project will be defended in an oral examination before a faculty committee.

The pathway leading to graduation with honors in the major:

- (1) Student takes an approved 500-level architectural history course (4 credits) taught by any of the History of Art & Architecture faculty. No matter what course is taken, the student notifies the Professor teaching the course that he/she/they wants it to be part of an honors project by **October 15**.
- (2) Student submits a proposal for an honors project to the departmental Honors Committee by **November 15**. The Proposal should be a maximum of 4 double-spaced pages, and include a 1-2 page abstract, bibliography, and any other relevant materials that would give the Honors Committee a sense of the project. This might include images, lists of works of architecture to be considered, etc. After reviewing the proposal and the student's transcript, an interview is conducted before the end of the Fall semester. The Honors Committee consists of the Undergraduate Studies Committee and the Professor supervising the honors project.
- (3) After the interview, student will be notified of the Honors Committee's decision. Students with successful proposals will meet with the Professor supervising the honors project to plan the remainder of the project and discuss the composition of the Defense Committee. The Defense Committee consists of three readers: the Professor supervising the project and two additional faculty members in fields that complement the student's project.
- (4) Student takes a second semester, Directed Study course (4 credits) with the supervising Professor, or the Architecture Capstone (CAS AH386) course (4 credits). The recommended length of the project is about 10,000 words or 30 pages inclusive of notes and exclusive of bibliography. The first draft is due to the supervising Professor **March 1**; the final, clean draft is due to the Defense Committee no later than **April 1**.
- (5) The project is defended in an oral examination before the Defense Committee by **April 15**. The Defense Committee notifies the student if honors are to be awarded before the end of the term.