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London Architecture & Urbanism
CAS AH 381 (Elective)
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Instructor Information
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Course Overview
London’s architecture and urban development will be explored through the themes that shaped the physical characteristics of London which include mapping the city, the city as representation of national identity, navigating the ever changing city and a review of recent developments. We will be looking at the growth of the city as a historical phenomenon, covering early modern London to the present day by assessing it in the context of political, economic and social change. Architectural styles will be discussed within the framework of these wider themes.

Terms and Conditions
Promptness and punctuality are expected, slackness in this respect is discourteous and disruptive, and will be penalised. Attendance at all lectures and visits is compulsory and you will be docked a – or + for missing any session unless you have provided a letter of excuse signed by a doctor or the Director of Programmes. Weekend trips and family visits are not acceptable reasons for either lateness or absence. Students must check their e-mail and the weekly Student Newsletter for field trip updates and reminders.

Please see the Academic Handbook for the attendance policy: http://www.bu.edu/london/current-semester

Teaching Pattern
Teaching Sessions will be divided between classroom lectures and field trips. Students should be dressed for all weather walking. Please note you may bring your camera. Please do not bring travel luggage. Mobile phones and MP3 players must be switched off at all times including when travelling on the tube. Smoking is also not permitted. Attendance at all classes and visits is mandatory. Students missing any session without a doctor’s letter or authorisation from the Director will automatically be docked a grade. Persistent lateness will be penalised.

Assessment Method
1) Essay: How did London develop its urban form up to 1666?
The course assignment counts for 50% of the overall mark and is due Monday 18 June at 1.45pm and is to be handed into the Student Affairs Office. The essay should be 2,000 words in length
and include captioned illustrations. It should indicate thorough research and critical use of published sources with end notes and a separate bibliographic sheet. The marked essay will be returned two weeks from the hand-in date.

2) Exam Paper:
The 2 hour exam is scheduled Tuesday 26 June, the time is to be confirmed. The exam paper consists of 1 question weighted at 50% and is offered from a list of 3 question options which will be handed out in the session before the exam. The exam response should indicate thorough research and critical use of published sources.

Grading
Please refer to the Academic Handbook for detailed grading criteria, attendance requirements and policies on plagiarism: http://www.bu.edu/london/current-semester

COURSE SCHEDULE

Lecture One: Monday 28 May 2012  2.00pm-6.00pm (4 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: Introduction to London & Architecture
Field Trip: Bloomsbury to Kings Cross
Further Reading

Lecture Two: Tuesday 29 May 2012  2.00pm-6.00pm (4 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: The City
Field Trip: Monument to St Paul’s Cathedral
Further Reading

Lecture Three: Friday 1 June 2012  12.00pm-6.00pm (6 hours)
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: Beyond the City
Field Trip: St. Bartholomew the Great to Barbican
Further Reading

**No classes due to Bank Holiday: Monday 4 June & Tuesday 5 June 2012**

**Lecture Four: Friday 8 June 2012  2.00pm-6.00pm (4 hours)**  
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens  
Lecture: Palladian London  
Field Trip: Covent Garden to Somerset House  
Further Reading  

**Lecture Five: Monday 11 June 2012  2.00pm-6.00pm (4 hours)**  
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens  
Lecture: Battle of the Styles - Victorian Architecture  
Field Trip: Parliament Square to Trafalgar Square  
Further Reading  

**Lecture Six: Tuesday 12 June 2012  2.00pm-6.00pm (4 hours)**  
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens  
Lecture: Making Modern London  
Field Trip: Hampstead Garden Suburb  
Further Reading  

*Course Work Assignment is due Monday 18 June 2012 at 1.45pm and is to be handed into the Academic Affairs Office.*

**Lecture Seven: Monday 18 June 2012  2.00pm-6.00pm (4 hours)**  
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: The Age of Optimism
Field Trip: South Bank
Further Reading

**Lecture’s Eight-Nine: Tuesday 19 June 2012  12.00pm-6.00pm (6 hours)**
Meeting: Brompton Room, Harrington Gardens
Lecture: The Commercial City
Field Trip: Canary Wharf
Further Reading

No class on Monday 25 June due to extended sessions on 1st & 19th June 2012

Final Exam: Tuesday 26 June 2012

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**
*These books are intended only as a guide for selective research for the course work and exam papers. They are not proposed to be read as an exhaustive list over the duration of the course.*
Felix Barker & Ralph Hyde (1982) *London as it might have been*, John Murray.


