

Fall 2023

GRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE CODE: ARC3020Y

COURSE TITLE: Architectural Design Studio: Research I (Swarm / Counterarchive)

PREREQUISITE COURSES: <https://www.daniels.utoronto.ca/info/current-students/graduate/degree-requirements>

CLASSROOM LOCATION: Graduate Studio

CLASS HOURS: T 9am-1pm, 2pm-6pm

INSTRUCTOR NAME: Jeannie Kim

INSTRUCTOR EMAIL: Jeannie.kim@daniels.utoronto.ca

OFFICE HOURS: By appointment

OFFICE LOCATION: DA138

TAs: N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The goal of this semester is to complete inquiry, documentation, and analysis that will define the scope of the thesis to be carried out in the following semester. We will carry two terms with us as we work together this semester. The notion of the swarm as a collection of fragments that does not try to contain a narrative, and the counterarchive as an active place in which to use the past and the future to mobilize the present.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

By the end of this course a successful learner will be able to complete a graduate-level thesis in architecture, urbanism, or an allied field.

SCHEDULE:

Please note that this studio will be conducted as a thesis studio. There is, therefore, no specified program or site. You will be expected to develop a site strategy and design proposal that is closely linked to research conducted at the outset of the semester, and your thesis next term is expected to be a continuation and an extension of this work.

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| Week 1 | September 12 | Introduction (AM)<br>Bibliography (PM)  | DA242 |
| Week 2 | September 19 | Drawing/Map                             |       |
| Week 3 | September 26 | Discourse (AM)<br>100 x Precedents (PM) | DA242 |
| Week 4 | October 3    | Allies vs. Enemies                      |       |
| Week 5 | October 10   | Method (AM)<br>100 x Extracts (PM)      | DA242 |
| Week 6 | October 17   | Research Pin-Up (Precedents + Extracts) | DA330 |

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| Week 7  | October 24   | Speculation (AM)<br>50 x Figure Ground (PM) | DA242 |
| Week 8  | October 31   | Desk Crits                                  |       |
| Week 9  | November 7   | Mid-Review (Research)                       | DA330 |
| Week 10 | November 14  | Desk Crits (50 x Figure Ground)             |       |
| Week 11 | November 21  | Desk Crits                                  |       |
| Week 12 | November 28  | Context Pin-Up (Panorama + Trailer)         | DA242 |
|         | FINAL REVIEW | Design Test                                 |       |

Important Dates:

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| Fall 2023   |   |
| Labour Day (University Closed)                              | Monday, September 4, 2023   |
| First day of F/Y section courses                            | Monday, September 11, 2023  |
| Last day of F/Y classes waitlist                            | Friday, September 15, 2023  |
| Last day to enroll in F/Y classes on ACORN                  | Wednesday, September 20, 2023   |
| Thanksgiving (University Closed)                            | Monday, October 9, 2023   |
| Last day to drop F section courses without academic penalty | Monday, November 6, 2023  |
| Last day of F/Y classes                                     | Friday, December 1, 2023  |
| End-of-term Final Exam / review or Assessment Period        | Monday, December 4, 2023 – Wednesday, December 20, 2023 (including Saturday and/or Sundays) |
| Holiday Break (University Closed)                           | Thursday, December 21, 2023 – Tuesday, January 2, 2024                                      |

Conflicts with religious observances should be brought to the attention of the course instructor and the Office of the Registrar and Student Services no later than the second week of classes. For more information, please see the [Policy on Scheduling of Classes and Examinations and Other Accommodations for Religious Observances](#).

#### EVALUATION:

Evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the University Assessment and Grading Practices Policy. Please refer to the policy located on the governing council website.

[http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/Governing\\_Council/policies.htm#G](http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/Governing_Council/policies.htm#G)

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| October 17     | Research Pin-Up            | 20% |
| November 7     | Mid-Review                 | 25% |
| November 28    | Context Pin-Up             | 20% |
| December 13-15 | Design Test (Final Review) | 35% |

The graduate grading scale is listed as letter grades. The graduate grading scale is included below for your reference:

| Graduate           |               |                          |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Letter Grade Scale | Grade Meaning | Numerical Scale of Marks |
| A+                 |               | 90 – 100%                |
| A                  | Excellent     | 85 – 89%                 |
| A-                 |               | 80 – 84%                 |
| B+                 |               | 77 – 79%                 |
| B                  | Good          | 73 – 76%                 |
| B-                 |               | 70 – 72%                 |
| FZ*                | Inadequate    | 0 – 69%                  |

\*FZ=Fail

Please refer to the University of Toronto Grading Practices Policy for additional information:  
[http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/Assets/Governing+Council+Digital+Assets/Policies/PDF/g\\_rading.pdf](http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/Assets/Governing+Council+Digital+Assets/Policies/PDF/g_rading.pdf).

## READINGS

### Background

#### University

Fred Moten and Stefano Harney, “The General Antagonism: An Interview with Stevphen Shukaitis,” The Undercommons: Fugitive Planning & Black Study (Wivenhoe, New York: Minor Compositions, 2013): 40-64.

Edward Said, “Identity, Authority, and Freedom: The Potentate and the Traveler,” Reflections on Exile and Other Essays (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2000): 214-228.

#### Method

Nina Valerie Kolowratnik, “Claiming Truths While Resisting Western Protocols,” The Language of Secret Proof Indigenous Truth and Representation (Berlin: Sternberg Press, 2019): 1-39.

Anooradha Iyer Siddiqi, “Writing With: Togethering, Difference, and Feminist Architectural Histories of Migration,” e-flux Architecture, Structural instabilities, edited by Daniel Barber and Eduardo Rega (2018).

### Week 0

Octavia E. Butler, “A Few Rules for Predicting the Future,” Essence (May 2000).

Andreas Huyssen, “Introduction,” Present Pasts: Urban Palimpsests and the Politics of Memory (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2022): 1-10.

Parul Sehgal, “The Tyranny of the Tale,” The New Yorker (July 3, 2023).

Rebecca Solnit, "If you win the popular imagination, you change the game: why we need new stories on climate," The Guardian (January 12, 2023).

Clint Smith, "An open book, up under the sky" and "I can't change what happened here," in How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America (New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2021): 52-84; 85-117.

### Week 1

Mark Jarzombek, "A Thesis." Thresholds 12 (Spring 1996): 6-8.

Sarah Whiting, "Welcome to the Banquet (or, How to Increase the Relative Happiness of the M.Arch Thesis Student)," in Dana Cuff and John Wriedt, eds. Architecture from the Outside In: Selected Essays by Robert Gutman (New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 2010): 313-317.

### Week 2

David Leatherbarrow, "Architecture is its Own Discipline" in The Discipline of Architecture, Andrzej Piotrowski and Julia Williams Robinson, eds. (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2001): 83-102.

### Week 3

Sam Jacob, "On Drawing," Strange Harvest <http://strangeharvest.com/drawing-as-project-post-digital-representation-in-architecture>

Mark Wigley, "Storytime," Assemblage 27 (Fall 1995).

### Week 4

Timothy Hyde, "Turning the Black Box into a Great Gizmo," ACSA Conference Proceedings

Jonathan Lethem, "The Ecstasy of Influence," Harper's Magazine (February 2007).

### Week 5

### Week 6

### Week 7

Rem Koolhaas, "Field Trip: A(A) Memoir" and "Exodus, or The Voluntary Prisoners of Architecture," in SMLXL (New York: Monacelli Press, 1995): 214-232 and 5-19.

### Week 8

### Week 9

### Week 10

Timothy Love, "Double-Loaded," Harvard Design Magazine 21 (Fall 2004): 42-47.

Sandy Isenstadt, "Contexted Contexts," in Site Matters, Carol Burns and Andrea Kahn, eds. (London: Routledge, 2005): 157-183.

Rem Koolhaas, "Junkspace," October 100 (Spring 2002): 175-190.

### Week 11

Bruno Latour, "Panoramas," Reassembling the Social (Cambridge: Oxford University Press, 2005): 183-190.

#### LATE WORK:

All assignments are due in class at the specified time and date. Late submission will result in a 5% deduction (of each assignment's total grade) per day (excluding weekends). In the case of illness or other special circumstance, notification should be given to the Instructors and the Registrar as soon as possible and before the deadline in question. A Verification of Illness (Also known as a "doctor's note") is temporarily not required. Students who are absent from academic participation for any reason (e.g., COVID, cold, flu and other illness or injury, family situation) and who require consideration for missed academic work should report their absence through the online absence declaration tool on ACORN. Additional information is available online:

<http://www.illnessverification.utoronto.ca/index.php>

#### FINAL DUE DATE:

Due dates are set by the Instructor in the schedule and evaluation sections of this outline. All term work must be submitted on or before the deadline date stipulated by the instructor. Students who for reasons beyond their control are unable to submit an assignment by its deadline must obtain approval from their Instructor for an extension within the term. The last date of the fall term is December 20, 2023. Any work submitted after the stipulated deadline and before the end of term without an approved extension will not be accepted. Students will be required to petition to the School of Graduate Studies for an extension if they will be unable to submit their work by December 20, 2023. <https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/policies-guidelines/coursework-extensions/>

Students are advised to contact their professors in advance of a deadline, where possible. Those students registered with Accessibility services should provide a letter from their advisor that confirms their registration and indicates their required accommodations. Please speak with Paula Rayson in ORSS if you have any questions or concerns regarding their letter of accommodation and how to interpret the information. Otherwise, students should report their absence through the online absence declaration tool on Acorn and advisor their professor. Without any documentation, or where notice was not given, the ultimate decision is at the instructor's discretion.

#### PREPAREDNESS AT UOFT:

Students are advised to register for UTAAlert, the University's alert system, at <http://alert.utoronto.ca/>. UTAAlert sends important messages to registrants via text, email, and phone.

#### ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS:

The University provides academic accommodations for students with disabilities in accordance with the terms of the Ontario Human Rights Code. This occurs through a collaborative process that acknowledges a collective obligation to develop an accessible learning environment that both meets

the needs of students and preserves the essential academic requirements of the University's courses and programs.

If you are a student who identifies with one or more of the broad categories below, we encourage you to register with Accessibility Services:

<https://studentlife.utoronto.ca/department/accessibility-services/>.

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Brain Injury and Concussion
- Chronic Health
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Learning Disability
- Mental Health
- Mobility and Functional
- Low Vision / Legally Blind
- Temporary Injuries

For any questions or assistance, please see the staff in the Office of the Registrar and Student Services.

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND WRITING SUPPORT:

The University of Toronto expects its students to write well, and it provides resources to help. Please consult the University of Toronto writing site: <https://writing.utoronto.ca/> for advice and answers to your questions about writing. Please pay special attention to “Advice on Writing: Academic Writing.”

The Writing Center at the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design is located in room ESC1019. The Centre is a valuable resource available to all Daniels students, providing support and guidance in enhancing their writing abilities and developing skills in design and visual studies. The Daniels Writing Center offers academic assistance through tutorials and individual consultations aimed at fostering effective integration of written, spoken, and visual communication. <https://www.daniels.utoronto.ca/students/student-services>

Academic writing carries with it certain expectations about properly citing, quoting, and referencing source material. Your research must be conveyed in a language commonly shared by others in the discipline. The style guidelines preferred by the Daniels Faculty are put forth in the Chicago Manual of Style and can be found here:

<http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/16/contents.html>

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/chicago\\_manual\\_17th\\_edition/chicago\\_style\\_introduction.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/chicago_manual_17th_edition/chicago_style_introduction.html)

The Centre for International Experience (CIE) English Language Support is also available to support students: <https://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/cie/els>

#### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Academic integrity is essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship in a university, and to ensuring that a degree from the University of Toronto is a strong signal of each student's individual

academic achievement. As a result, the University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. The University of Toronto's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters ([www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm](http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm)) outlines the behaviours that constitute academic dishonesty and the processes for addressing academic offences. The Code of Behavior on Academic Matters states: "It shall be an offence for a student knowingly [...] to represent as one's own any idea or expression of an idea or work of another in any academic examination or term test or in connection with any other form of academic work, i.e., to commit plagiarism." The Code also states: "Wherever in the Code an offence is described as depending on 'knowing,' the offence shall likewise be deemed to have been committed if the person ought reasonably to have known."

Potential offences include, but are not limited to:

In papers and assignments:

1. Using someone else's ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgement.
2. Submitting your own work in more than one course without the permission of the instructor.
3. Making up sources or facts.
4. Obtaining or providing unauthorized assistance on any assignment.

On tests and exams:

1. Using or possessing unauthorized aids.
2. Looking at someone else's answers during an exam or test.
3. Misrepresenting your identity.

In academic work:

1. Falsifying institutional documents or grades.
2. Falsifying or altering any documentation required by the University, including (but not limited to) doctor's notes.

All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated following procedures outlined in the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters. If you have questions or concerns about what constitutes appropriate academic behaviour or appropriate research and citation methods, you are expected to seek out additional information on academic integrity from your instructor or from other institutional resources. For information about academic integrity at the University of Toronto, please see <https://www.academicintegrity.utoronto.ca/>.

Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to the University's plagiarism detection tool for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the tool's reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of this tool are described on the Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation website (<https://uoft.me/pdt-faq>).

For accepted methods of standard documentation formats, including electronic citation of internet sources please see the U of T writing website at: <http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources/documentation>.

Please also refer to "Reading and Using Sources: How Not to Plagiarize" on the University of Toronto writing site (<http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/>).

**Student Work – Daniels Publishing Policy**

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