

FALL 2020 fall – arch 393 course outline summary

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Course Information

Fall 2020 arch 393 Marie-Paule Macdonald

KLANG [sound] - City, Sound, Architecture, Music—Proposal for 3B 2020 Design Studio

Course Description

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Learning Objectives

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

Formulate criteria by which to select a built form site; formulate a built form programme; design a built form; design landscaping of a site and built form; sketch or design a wall section of a built form.

Required Texts

See the selection of a number of references located in UW Learn.

Course Requirements and Assessment

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Grading breakdown: Audition- Screening Room- Listening Space 10%; Composer analysis 10%; Site selection and analysis 10%; Programme 10%; Midterm 10%; Final 50%.

Topics & Schedule

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Important Dates: 21 September - Listening Room- Review; 5 Oct. – define site-programme; 26 October – inprogress review; 16 Nov. mockup; 11-14 December – end of term review.

Remote Course Delivery Platforms & Communication

During remote learning, we will be using additional platforms to deliver, organize and share course content, learning and work. Here is a breakdown of tools we will use in this course: UW Learn, Cisco Webex, Miro, Zoom, MSTeams.

Course Time Zone EST : All dates and times communicated in the document are expressed in Eastern Time (Local time in Waterloo Ontario, Canada). From September 8 – October 24 2020 times are indicated in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT, UTC—4:00) and from October 25 – December 31 2020, times are indicated in Eastern Standard Time (EST, UTC—5:00)

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Special Statement Given the continuously evolving situation around COVID-19, students are to refer to the University of Waterloo's developing information resource page (<https://uwaterloo.ca/coronavirus/>) for up-to-date information on academic updates, health services, important dates, co-op, accommodation rules and other university level responses to COVID-19.

Student Notice of Recording: The course's official *Notice of Recording* document is found on the course's LEARN site. This document outlines shared responsibilities for instructors and students around issues of privacy and security. Each student is responsible for reviewing this document.

Late Work

Late Work may be subject to penalties. Only in the case of a justified medical or personal reason will these penalties be waived, and only if these have been officially submitted to the Undergraduate Student Services Co-Ordinator and accepted by the Undergraduate Office.

Students seeking accommodations due to COVID-19, are to follow Covid-19-related accommodations as outlined by the university here: (<https://uwaterloo.ca/coronavirus/academic-information#accommodations>).

Mental Health Support

All of us need a support system. We encourage you to seek out mental health supports when they are needed. Please reach out to Campus Wellness (<https://uwaterloo.ca/campus-wellness/>) and Counselling Services (<https://uwaterloo.ca/campuswellness/counselling-services>).

We understand that these circumstances can be troubling, and you may need to speak with someone for emotional support. Good2Talk (<https://good2talk.ca/>) is a post-secondary student helpline based in Ontario, Canada that is available to all students. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Commitment At the School of Architecture, we are committed to foster and support equity, diversity and inclusion. We recognize however, that discrimination does occur, sometimes through an isolated act of discrimination, but also through practices and policies that must be rewritten. If you ever experience discrimination and need to report on instances of micro-aggressions and other forms of racism, sexism, discrimination against LGBTQ2S+, or disability, please note that there are different pathways to report these instances: A) if you feel comfortable bringing this up directly with the Faculty or person who has said or done something offensive, we invite you, or a friend, to speak directly with this person. B)

If you do not wish to bring this up with this person directly, you are invited to reach out to either the undergraduate ([Donna Woolcott](#) or [Maya Przybylski](#)) or graduate office ([Nicole Guenther](#), [Lola Sheppard](#), or [Jane Hutton](#)). If you contact any of these people in confidence, they are bound to preserve your anonymity and will be able to follow up on the report. Alternatively, you may always reach out to director [Anne Bordeleau](#) directly, and she will protect your identity and follow up on the report. C) Finally, you may also choose to report centrally to the Equity Office. The Equity Office can be reached by emailing equity@uwaterloo.ca. More information on the functions and services of the equity office can be found here: <https://uwaterloo.ca/human-rights-equity-inclusion/about/equity-office>.

Academic integrity, grievance, discipline, appeals and note for students with disabilities:

Academic integrity: In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. [Check the [Office of Academic Integrity](#) for more information.] **Grievance:** A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read [Policy 70, Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4](#). When in doubt, please be certain to contact the department's administrative assistant who will provide further assistance.

Discipline: A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity to avoid committing an academic offence, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. [Check the [Office of Academic Integrity](#) for more information.] A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about "rules" for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course instructor, academic advisor, or the undergraduate associate dean. For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to [Policy 71, Student Discipline](#). For typical penalties, check [Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties](#).

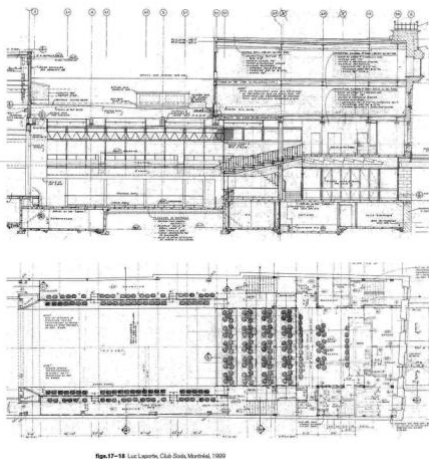
Appeals: A decision made or penalty imposed under Policy 70, Student Petitions and Grievances (other than a petition) or Policy 71, Student Discipline may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes he/she has a ground for an appeal should refer to Policy 72, Student Appeals.

Note for students with disabilities: [AccessAbility Services](#), located in Needles Hall, Room 1401, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with [AccessAbility Services](#) at the beginning of each academic term.

Turnitin.com: Text matching software (Turnitin®) may be used to screen assignments in this course. Turnitin® is used to verify that all materials and sources in assignments are documented. Students' submissions are stored on a U.S. server, therefore students must be given an alternative (e.g., scaffolded assignment or annotated bibliography), if they are concerned about their privacy and/or security. Students will be given due notice, in the first week of the term and/or at the time assignment details are provided, about arrangements and alternatives for the use of Turnitin in this course.

It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor if they, in the first week of term or at the time assignment details are provided, wish to submit the alternate assignment.

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Luc Laporte, Le Nouveau Club Soda 1998-2000 \$2m

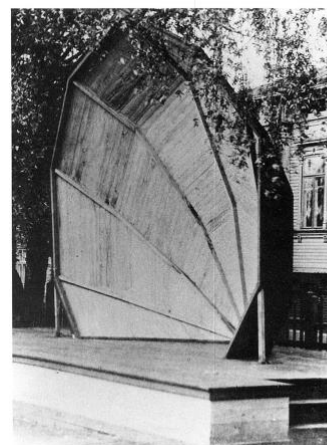


FIGURE 11
Aalto, wooden acoustic shell, temporary construction for open-air concerts, the Fairgrounds, Tampere, Finland, 1922.
Photo: Museum of Finnish Architecture.

Alvar Aalto, wooden bandstand, 1922

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Suggested Composers and Themes:

abstraction, atonality- Arnold Schoenberg, Igor Stravinsky; Afrobeat Fela Kuti, Tony Allen; Afrosoul - jazz Manu Dibango; ambient music Brian Eno; atonality, percussion Evelyn Glennie; avant-garde Luigi Russolo, Erik Satie 'furniture music' <https://www.theguardian.com/music/2016/jun/25/erik-satie-vexations-furniture-music> -bio-region, cosmos Karlheinz Stockhausen <http://www.stockhausencds.com/> - chance operations John Cage; - electroacoustic, spatialization Iannis Xenakis; electronic sound Delia Darbyshire [Dr. Who theme], Else Marie Pade, Daphne Oram; folk, poetry, rock Joni Mitchell, Leonard Cohen; improvisation Louis Armstrong, John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Charles Mingus, Thelonius Monk; house music Frankie Knuckles [Francis Nicholl] ; micropolyphony, interval, microtone Gyorgi Ligeti Jonathan W. Bernard, Ligeti's Restoration of Interval and Its Significance for His Later Works, Music Theory Spectrum, Vol. 21, No. 1 (Spring, 1999), pp. 1-31.

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Belinfante, Sam and Joseph Kohlmaier, *The Listening Reader*. London: Cours de poetique 2016
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Rhona Bitner, photographer, <http://www.newyorker.com/culture/photo-booth/a-visual-history-of-rock-and-roll-room-by-empty-room>
John Cage, *Silence*, lectures and writings Wesleyan University Press 1961. dss-edit.com/prof-anon/sound/library/Cage_Silence.pdf
<https://archive.org/details/silencelecturesw1961cage> John Cage - Water Walk Jan 1960 on TV I've Got A Secret, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSulycqZH-U>
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<https://luminatofestival.com/Blog/2016-04/A-conversation-with-Charcoalblue,-theatre-and-acou> Delia Derbyshire
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Brian Eno, Brian Eno Lists the Benefits of Singing: A Long Life, Increased Intelligence, and a Sound Civilization <http://www.openculture.com/2015/02/brian-eno-lists-the-benefits-of-singing.html> Nicholas Edwards, Why are some concert halls acoustically loved by audiences and others are not? Concert Hall Acoustics and Lateral Sound <https://vimeo.com/169133930> Ragnar Kjartansson <https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2016/jul/17/ragnar-kjartansson-barbican-review> Gyorgy Ligeti, Articulation 1958 Rainer Wehinger's visual listening score 1970s https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71hNI_skTZQ <http://rockandrollroadmap.com/places/studios-and-labels/other-u-s-studios-and-labels/american-sound-studio/>

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Additional Links

Aida Amoako, Can Music Save Museums? 31 July 2020 [Aida Amoako https://artreview.com/can-music-save-museum-electronic-design-review/](https://artreview.com/can-music-save-museum-electronic-design-review/)
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Alicia Keys: NPR Music Tiny Desk Concert <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uwUt1fVLb3E>
Billie Eilish: Tiny Desk Concert <https://www.npr.org/2020/08/26/905493538/billie-eilish-tiny-desk-home-concert>