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## Arch 570: Architecturally Exposed Structural Steel Design

Fall 2022  
Course Home Page

### course outline

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#### Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the School of Architecture is located on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land promised to the Six Nations that includes 10 kilometres on each side of the Grand River. (see references here: <https://uwaterloo.ca/engineering/about/territorial-acknowledgement>)

#### Course Description:

THIS COURSE IS ALL ABOUT DESIGN, NOT CALCULATIONS. LEARNING OUTCOMES INCLUDE AN INCREASE IN YOUR ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND HOW STRUCTURES WORK, AND DETAIL THE SAME. PORTFOLIO WORTHY DESIGN PROJECTS.

The plan for Fall 2022 is for in person classes. Should it be required, there will be a quick switch to online delivery. This will be synchronous and the lectures will NOT be recorded.

Using an international database of case studies this course examines in detail the architectural design, specification, fabrication and construction process for Architecturally Exposed Structural Steel (AESS). It references the standards that were developed by the Canadian Institute of Steel Construction. Lectures will address topics including, the AESS Category Approach, fabrication standards and practices, project communication, tensile structures, diagrid structures, curved steel, castings, pedestrian bridges, steel with glazing, steel with timber. The work of the term will use current steel based competitions to explore detailed design application of the material.

The term's knowledge will focus on DESIGN PROJECTS that requires the students to design and detail architecturally exposed structural steel systems, connections and buildings.

Students will

- keep a detailed sketchbook of examples and details addressed in class (notes to be submitted weekly)

- prepare a weekly sketch of a steel detail
- in teams of 2 (masters) or (undergrad) students, complete the [CISC Design Competition](#) - Performance Space

The overall intention is to provide you with a high level appreciation of steel structural systems and an adeptness for detailing that is appropriate to the specific project and building type. The work of the term is intended to provide you with some significant pieces for your portfolio.

The course reflects the research of my book on [Architecturally Exposed Structural Steel](#) published by Birkhauser in January 2015.

**A major graded element this term will be your sketchbook** - much like we did in Building Construction in first year. The taking of hand notes will help you in this process as well as encourage you to keep pace with the work and not fall behind. These will be evaluated on a weekly basis - so simple cell phone shots compiled into a PDF and uploaded to the LEARN Dropbox will suffice. They are due prior to the next class. Late submissions will be given a grade of zero.

**The major term project will be the CISC Competition**". I am excited to inform you that they have increased the prize money! First prize is now \$8,000! Second is \$4,000 and third is \$2,000. There will be honorable mentions as well. This class is well positioned to win this competition as this course that you are taking is the most comprehensive one on architectural steel detailing in the world. And I am not kidding.

#### Learning Outcomes:

There are some clear things that you should be able to do or know by the end of this course.

1. Understand the workings of the CISC method of specifying AESS - the category and characteristics system.
2. Understand the critical role of detailing as it plays into the design, fabrication and erection of steel.
3. Understand the role of the architect in the process, particularly in the selection of detail and splice types as they factor into overall buildability and construction safety.
4. Be able to design a highly detailed architecturally exposed steel structure that is credible in its detailing, member selection and constructability.

Log-in to LEARN: [here](#)

	<p><b>Schedule of Classes: 2 to 5pm Wednesdays</b></p> <p><b>Office Hours: TBA</b></p>
1 Sept 7	<p><i>Course Introduction</i></p> <p><b>HIGH TECH ARCHITECTURE:</b> A detailed look at the roots of the birth of exposed steel in the British High Tech movement.</p> <p><b>ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:</b> <a href="#">Construction of Stanstead Airport by Foster</a> <a href="#">Renault Distribution Centre by Foster</a></p> <p>Start your weekly steel detail sketch. One due each week before the beginning of the class. Full page. Media of your choice. From life or from photo. Should present something interesting in terms of approach to connections. Image submitted to the LEARN Dropbox.</p>
2 Sept 14	<p><b>ARCHITECTURALLY EXPOSED STRUCTURAL STEEL:</b> The development and details of the new system created by CISC to clarify the design, construction and fabrication of AESS systems. A discussion of finishes, fire and corrosion protection.</p>
3 Sept 21	<p><b>APPLICATIONS IN AESS:</b> A look in more detail at several Canadian buildings using the CISC method of Categories and Characteristics. Topics will also address finishes and corrosion protection as these impact the detailing of an exposed structure.</p>

4 Sept 28	<b>AESS CONNECTION DETAILING:</b> Perhaps the most important aspect and largest design feature to be explored and exploited.
5 Oct 5	No class: Terri in Rome for the UWSA Reunion
Oct 12	Reading week
6 Oct 19	<b>SPAN:</b> A look at different ways that we create long spans with structural systems. Types will include truss systems, spaceframes.  <a href="#">whistler platform construction video</a>
7 Oct 26	<b>TENSILE STRUCTURES:</b> An examination of a range of applications of tension systems for building structures, canopies, roofs and pedestrian bridges.
8 Nov 2	<b>CASTINGS:</b> Castings of the 21st century are very different than the elaborate castings of the 19th century. A look at the application of modern cast steel via several case studies.  <b>CURVED STEEL:</b> Curved structures can be achieved via several means, all related to the scale of the building, budget and technical means available.
9 Nov 9	No class: Terri giving paper at CTBUH Conference
10 Nov 16	<b>PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES:</b> An examination of the applications of AESS to the types of bridges that architects usually design.  <b>DIAGRID STRUCTURES AND BRACING SYSTEMS:</b> My This lecture will look at many of the case studies covered in my book on <a href="#">Diagrid Structures</a> in detail, along with the method of design established in the book. We will also look at the design of bracing systems for buildings that can also be architecturally expressed. A new Canadian designed system used post quake in Christchurch, New Zealand will be discussed. Bracing systems for tall buildings will be introduced.
11 Nov 23	<b>STEEL AND GLAZING AND LATTICE SYSTEMS:</b> An examination of some of the newer cable type glazing systems to see how these work with AESS systems. The tolerances in glazing systems are even tighter than for finely detailed AESS structures, and these systems are often used together.  <a href="#">info on ETFE</a> , <a href="#">examples of fabric and ETFE systems</a>
Dec 23	Final Project Due to LEARN. 11:59pm

## Reference Texts and other Materials:

These texts will be on reserve in Musagetes. We have at most 2 copies of each book so you are not to remove them from the library to your personal shelves for the term. They are all available on Amazon. If you were to purchase just one for the course, the AESS one would be the most directly related.

[Understanding Steel Design: An Architectural Design Manual](#). by Terri Meyer Boake. Birkhauser 2012.

[Diagrid Structures: Systems, Connections, Details](#). by Terri Meyer Boake. Birkhauser 2014.

[Architecturally Exposed Structural Steel Design](#). by Terri Meyer Boake. Birkhauser 2015.

[Complex Steel Structures: Non Orthogonal Geometries in Building with Steel](#). by Terri Meyer Boake. Birkhauser 2020.

Canadian Institute of Steel Construction Guide for Specifying AESS. by Terri Meyer Boake.  
([download free PDF](#)).

Here are some of my websites to assist with steel connection design:

**Steel: Fun is in the Details**

[SSEF1/](#)

**Steel Image Gallery:**

[steel.html](#)

**AESS Facebook Page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/aess4u>

**Look at resources in the industry:**

Canadian Institute of Steel Construction: <http://www.cisc-icca.ca/>

American Institute of Steel Construction: <http://www.aisc.org/>

## Evaluation:

The final term grade will consist of an average of submitted work as follows.

### Late Penalties:

The weekly sketch and copies of your class notes are due prior to the subsequent week's class. Late submissions will be given a grade of zero. In theory they should be complete by the end of the class.

Late sketches will be awarded a grade of zero. You have a week in which to complete each sketch. Not keeping up with your work is problematic and leads to other issues.

For the Final Project late penalties of 5% per day will be applied, following the 24 hour grace period. After 5 days of lateness a grade of zero will be applied.

**SKETCHBOOK:** You are required to keep a sketchbook/notebook for this class. Graded on the basis of neatness and completeness.

10 lectures @ 3% per lecture = 30%

**WEEKLY SKETCHES:** 30%: 10 sketches @ 3% each.

### CISC Competition:

Three board submission as per their requirements. 40%

## Avoidance of Academic Offenses

Fall 2022 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.

### **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/campus-wellness/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, but also through practices and policies that must be changed. If you experience discrimination, micro-aggression, or other forms of racism, sexism, discrimination against LGBTQ2S+, or disability, there are different pathways to report them:

A) If you feel comfortable bringing this up directly with the faculty, staff or student who has said or done something offensive, we invite you, or a friend, to speak directly with this person. People make mistakes and dealing them directly in the present may be the most effective means of addressing the issue.

B) you can reach out to either the undergraduate ([Amanda Dudnik](#) or [Lola Sheppard](#)), graduate office ([Tina Davidson](#), [R J Van Pelt](#)), or director ([Maya Przybylski](#)). If you contact any of these people in confidence, they are bound to preserve your anonymity and follow up on your report.

C) You may also choose to report centrally to the Equity Office. The Equity Office can be reached by emailing [equity@uwaterloo.ca](mailto: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:** To create and promote a culture of academic integrity, the behaviour of all members of the University of Waterloo is based on honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. [Check [www.uwaterloo.ca/academicintegrity/](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/academicintegrity/) 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, <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy70.htm>

**Discipline:** A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offenses, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offense, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offenses (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about "rules" for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or the Undergraduate Associate Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties will be imposed under Policy 71 - Student Discipline. For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71 - Student Discipline, <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm>

**Appeals:** A student may appeal the finding and/or penalty in a decision made under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (other than regarding a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline if a ground for an appeal can be established. Read Policy 72 - Student Appeals, <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm>

**Note for students with disabilities:** The Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD), located in Needles Hall, Room 1132, 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 the OPD at the beginning of each academic term. Once registered with OPD, please meet with me in confidence during my office hours to discuss your needs.