

ABPL90357 Form and Politics in Architecture

Credit Points:	12.5
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2016, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 3 hours per week Total Time Commitment: 170 Hours
Prerequisites:	Admission into a course at the Melbourne School of Design.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Architecture Design, Design Thinking
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
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Subject Overview:	In design thinking and practice, there is a schism between 'formal' and 'political' (or compositional and socio-political) considerations. This subject provides a study of the relations between form and politics, in an attempt to fill up this critical gap. Ideas and theories of form and of politics are introduced. Under the category of 'form', visual, formal, spatial, aesthetic, compositional, syntactical and organizational issues will be introduced; whereas under the concept of 'politics', issues of the nation, the city, the institution, micro spatial politics, the body, visibility, knowledge, design ethics, design criticism, spatial and urban planning, and art-politics relations, will be introduced and explored. Multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural, the subject also aims to test western ideas and Asian cultures in an attempt to forge a constructive dialogue between the two systems.
Learning Outcomes:	Upon the completion of this subject successfully, students will obtain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # A broad knowledge of the issues concerning form, politics and their relations # A set of ideas, theories and case studies in which form-politics relations are explored and studied # A deeper knowledge and an insight obtained from a self-driven and self-defined mini-thesis on a specific idea or case # Skills of deep/close reading # Skills of catalogue/bibliographic research

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Basic skills of critical analysis # Skills of writing # Skills of presentation
Assessment:	Proposal for a mini-thesis topic (equivalent to 500 words), due Week 3 (10%) Annotated bibliography for a mini-thesis (equivalent to 1000 words), due Week 6 (20%) Powerpoint presentation of the mini-thesis (10 mins, equivalent to 1000 words), due Week 9 (20%) Final submission of the mini-thesis (equivalent to 3000 words), Week 12 (50%)
Prescribed Texts:	None
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Related Course(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master of Architecture Master of Architecture Master of Design (Urban Design) Master of Urban Design
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 200 point Master of Architecture 300 point Master of Architecture Melbourne School of Design multidisciplinary elective subjects