

Ball State University
College of Architecture and Planning

ARCH 490/590 or PLAN 490/590
3-credits
Spring 2012

International Planning and Conservation Independent Study

Description

Special and timely architectural projects undertaken by individual student or group of students.

Special Needs:

If you need course adaptation or accommodation because of a disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible. My office is AB432, phone is 282-1919. My office hours will be posted outside my office or by appointment.

Overview

This independent study revolves around a workshop on the requalification of Calolziocorte area, conservation plan of Lavello monastery near Lecco, Italy. The focus is to develop a masterplan for the requalification of the area (natural and built landscape, reuse of the factory, requalification of the sports court and school), to enhance the monastery, plan the facilities for the pilgrims, and to improve the connection with Lecco, Bergamo and the surrounding areas. Work space will be provided at Lavello monastery while we are in Italy.

During spring break students will spend one week on site, where they will

- Discuss and review US and International Perspectives on work in heritage areas as it relates to this project
- Become familiar with physical environment and local resources.
- Conduct interviews with stakeholders (mayor, regional foundation, citizens)
- Engage in an open exchange of initial ideas/concepts in charrette style activities
- Development of a conceptual framework for the revitalization of the village and its environs
- Discussion and presentation of the week's results.

Following the Spring Break workshop, the students will process all the information, ideas and results of the workshop to develop a Monograph of the project, findings and approach. An important goal is the comparison of different approaches, methods and ideas for each participating institution. This monograph will be completed before the end of the semester.

Course Objectives

- To develop an understanding and ability to approach planned preservation and community conservation from the US and European perspectives;
- To gain experiencing in developing a redevelopment plan including establishing approach goals & objectives, collection of field data/assessment, and presentation of conclusions/approach/plan both orally and in report form;
- To develop the technical vocabulary to work collaborative at an international level;
- The exchange of methods and techniques for the community measurements and assessment; and
- To compare the US and Italian methods of analysis and criteria for preservation projects.

Participants

8-10 students of the international master of Architectural Engineering, Politecnico di Milano (2nd year); prof. Ezio Riva and Elisabetta Rosina

6 students of the Faculty of Architecture and Design, Kocaeli University, Izmit, Turkey; prof. Emre Kishali, Gul Koksal

6 students of the College of Architecture, Ball State University, USA: Prof. Jonathan Spodek

Meeting Times & Time commitment

The total scheduled meeting/work time will be 45 hours throughout the semester. It is anticipated the additional time will be spend beyond these scheduled times. This is the same as a typical lecture/seminar class.

Meeting time is Mondays 7-8pm.

Evaluation and Grading:

Individual final grades will be an evaluation of the student's engagement in all project's stages, activities, documentation of process through a collection of your work during our field trip. A final monograph of the projects outcomes will be developed by the end of the semester. Several examples of past monographs are available for your review. Grading of work will be done in a similar fashion to design studio work.

Each student will be expected to contribute to class discussion, group activities, and on site work.

Participation and engagement will be a substantial part of your grade. **Simply showing up in all the class activities will not merit a passing grade.** Interpretation and scale of final grades will be as follows:

Participation and Engagement: 30%

Documentation of work during the field trip: 20%

Final Monograph (group): 50%

A: Excellence: work exceeds all requirements and demonstrates exemplary understanding.

A = 92%+, A- =90% to 92%

B: Good work: satisfaction of requirements and demonstration of a depth of understanding.

B+ = 88% to 90%, B = 82 to 88%, B- = 80 to 82%

C: Average work: satisfaction of requirements. Minimum passing grade

C+ = 78 to 80%, C = 72 to 78%, C- = 70 to 72%

D: Needs improvement: incomplete or ineffective satisfaction of requirements.

D+ = 68 to 70%, D = 62 to 68%, D- = 60 to 62%

F: Fail - Below 60%

Readings and Reference Materials

Jokilehto, Jukka. A History of Architectural Conservation. Oxford, UK: Butterwork Heinemann Press, 1999. (recommended)

Additional reference material may be made available as required by the instructor.

Field Trip Itinerary

Thur	3/1	DEPART USA
Fri	3/2	ARRIVE IN MILANO Morning – Arrive and travel to accomodations Afternoon – Casual vist to city center to visit Duomo, Galleria, DaVinci's Last

		Supper
Sat	3/3	9am-1pm: Attend morning sessions with Charrette Stakeholders at Lavello in Calolziocorte Initial group meeting with all students from Politecnico and Turkey. 1:00 Lunch in Lecco 2pm-7pm: Site seeing in Milano with Silvia and Francesco Morandotti 7pm: Ice breaking dinner with all participants
Sun	3/4	Day trip to Como and Lago di Como, boat to Bellagio or Lenno
Mon	3/5	Workday on Charrette 1 st item briefing on goals and objectives of the day. Work through the day at Politecnico or Lavello 5pm: Briefing and results of the day.
Tues	3/6	Workday on Charrette 1 st item briefing on goals and objectives of the day. Work through the day at Politecnico or Lavello 5pm: Briefing and results of the day.
Wed	3/7	Workday on Charrette 1 st item briefing on goals and objectives of the day. Work through the day at Politecnico or Lavello 5pm: Briefing and results of the day.
Thur	3/8	Workday on Charrette 1 st item briefing on goals and objectives of the day. Work through the Morning at Politecnico or Lavello Afternoon: prepare for Friday's presentation
Fri	3/9	Morning: finalize presentation Afternoon: Presentation of week's results to faculty at Politecnico and Stakeholders in Calolziocorte Evening: Faculty and Student Dinner (BSU, PoliMi, Turkey)
Sat	3/10	Shopping, sightseeing, relaxation, free day,
Sun	3/11	Travel Back to Indianapolis