

**Number & Title of Course:**

ARCH 5540 Professional Practice: 3 credits

**Course Description:**

This course introduces the business of architecture, and the architect's legal and ethical responsibility for the public good; also, the collaborative nature of contemporary practice.

**Course Goals:**

- The primary goal is to present the practicing architect as business person, interdisciplinary team leader and project manager within the context of legal, ethical, social, community and global responsibility.

**Course Objectives:**

- At the conclusion of this course students should be able to explain the collaborative nature of the architect, client, and building professional.
- At the conclusion of this course students should be able to describe the various stages of project development and project management.
- At the conclusion of this course students should be able to discuss the legal, ethical and professional responsibility for protecting the public interest.
- At the conclusion of this course students should be able to identify the essentials of practice management.

**Student Performance Criteria addressed:**

B.10. Financial Considerations

D.1 Stakeholder Roles in Architecture

D.2 Project Management

D.3 Business Practices

D.4 Legal Responsibilities

D.5 Professional Conduct

**Topical Outline:**

Internship and Licensure (10%) Firm Structure and Management (25%)

Project Responsibility and Management (25%) Project Team (20%)

Legal and Ethical Responsibilities (20%)

**Prerequisites:**

Enrollment in the MArch Program

**Textbooks/Learning Resources:**

American Institute of Architects; John Wiley and Sons;

*The Architect's Handbook of Professional Practice*

**Offered:**

Spring, Annually

**Faculty assigned:**

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