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Architecture and Space in Chinese Culture

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Introduction of Li Lin

Li Lin was trained as an architect. He has more than 20 year experience in design practice, and is at present teaching staff at Chinese Civilization Center. He has expertise in Chinese architecture and urbanism.

Course Information

‘Architecture and Space in Chinese Culture’ is an interdisciplinary course that introduces students to discover different forms, functions and expressions of buildings and spaces in Chinese culture and society from various perspectives of academic fields, including architecture, archaeology, literature and fine art. It is a course of appreciating different forms, spaces, functions and expressions of traditional Chinese architecture. The course will explore how Chinese architecture relates to culture and society from various perspectives. Through field study, group project and critical writings, students will interact with the actual built environment, to reflect on specific architectural space with reference to political, economic, religious and spiritual concepts.
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Summer Field Trip
In summer 2018, the GE1125 course included a mandatory 8-day/7-night field trip to Shanxi Province, China. The trip is a special design for CityU students to study some of the greatest architectural legacies and engineering wonders in China. Students were closely investigate the thousand-year-old and 67-meter-high Yingxian Wooden Pagoda (world’s tallest wood building) for producing group projects of the course, and visited the amazing Hanging Temple, the 1,161-year-old national treasure Foguang Temple (China’s second oldest wood building), unique vernacular houses and the Ancient City of Pingyao (World Heritage). Besides architecture, students also exposed themselves to ancient paintings, sculptures, calligraphies and the landscape of Wutai Mountain.
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Technical Support from GE Lab

The Field Trip, is a collaboration with PATCH (Preserving & Appraising Traditional Cultural Heritage) of Run Run Shaw Library of CityU and Gateway Education Laboratory (GE Lab) of the Office of Education Development and Gateway Education (EDGE).

Drones

3D Scanner

Stabilizer

Digital Camera

Technical support from GE Lab’s staff of EDGE

Academic supporting from PATCH