

ADVANCED STUDIO  
 ARC 696 / 561R  
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Sophie Calle, Room 28 (left) Room 24 (right), 1981

## INSIDE-OUT

What is the architecture of a "one-night stay?"

**PREREQUISITES** Undergraduate: ARC 521E (formerly 520E) and ARC 521G (formerly 520G) with a grade of at least C and satisfactory completion of third-year portfolio review. Graduate: Satisfactory completion of Vertical Portfolio Review.

During the first summer session, this advanced studio will focus on the poetics of the habitual – the frequent, the regular and the everyday– with a particular emphasis on the interior. We will examine seemingly dialectical (and often biased) set of relationships, including temporary versus permanent and interior versus exterior, to discover an architecture not exclusively founded on the authority of form, space and/or permanence. We will seek an architecture of the temporary – lasting for a limited time; passing; worldly– that, perhaps, embraces some modes of our current existence.

In doing so, we will design from the INSIDE-OUT at two scales: the ROOM and the MOTEL.

## WORK

Dialogue, an exchange of ideas/positions (through talking and making), will be at the core of our daily activities. Not only will we seek engagement with those outside the school, as possible, the 'horizontal' structure of the studio will provide an open and supportive atmosphere. Like a "lab," the studio is a space for experimentation, observation and practice. It is a place of un-knowing.

## ASSIGNMENTS

### Assignment 1: OBSERVE\_interior

Using your own "home," capture the manner in which we claim the space of the interior with an emphasis on sleeping (or the bed), storing and bathing.

### Assignment 2: ROOM 1\_inside

Developing a "program" of inhabitation, design the interior a motel room allowing for territorializing.

### Assignment 3: ROOM 1+ 2\_out

Further articulate the relationship between INSIDE-OUT, with specific attention to light and air.

### Assignment 4a: MOTEL\_remote (teams suggested)

Using the room(s), assemble an "off the grid" motel, including water capture, located outside of Terralingua, TX.

### Assignment 4b: DELINEATE\_precisely (teams suggested)

Describe precisely the design, from room to building, in orthographic projections (plan, ceiling plan?, section, interior and exterior elevation) complimenting your experiential, or "within," drawings.

## SCHEDULE\* \*\*

6/04-6/08	OBSERVE	5%
6/08-6/15	ROOM 1	10%
6/15-6/22	ROOM 1+ 2	10%
6/22-6/29	MOTEL	{w/delineate}
6/29-7/09	DELINEATE	20%
	ENGAGEMENT_ attendance + participation	5%

\*The advanced studio, as described, is the first half of a full advanced studio. The schedule and grading constitutes 50% of the grade.

\*\*If necessary, minor adjustments may be made to the schedule with advance notice.

LEARNING OUTCOMES\_ Students have been exposed to the following learning objectives in previous semesters. The level of expectation will continue to grow as students further develop each competency. Some issues would only be mentioned in passing in one studio but will be studied in more depth in another.

- Design Composition Skills: Developed through three-dimensional architectural form and space, both exterior and interior; building envelope
- Design Integration Skills: Demonstrated through creative engagement with issues of materiality, structures, construction, and environmental system

- Site Analysis and Design: Developed through the creative engagement with relevant contextual; environmental and programmatic factors underlying the project
- Critical Thinking: Quality of conceptual and critical thought; learning from precedents; research skills
- Graphic Skills: Quality of presentation; clarity of communication; appropriateness of media strategy and level of skill displayed
- Collaborative and Leadership Skills: Demonstrated through the active engagement in all activities of the studio

STUDIO CULTURE\_ The School of Architecture believes in the value of the design studio model. Studio learning encourages dialogue, collaboration, risk-taking, innovation, and learning-by-doing. The studio offers an environment where students can come together to ask questions and make proposals, which are developed and discussed among classmates, faculty, visiting professionals, and the public-at-large. Studio learning offers intensive one-on-one instruction from faculty members, and provides the opportunity for each student to develop his/her critical thinking skills and spatial and material sensibilities. The design studio offers a synthetic form of education, where project-based learning becomes the foundation for developing an understanding of and commitment to the school's core values — broadmindedness, interconnectivity, professionalism, exploration and activism — all in service of architecture's fundamental mission: to improve the quality of the built and natural environments.

<https://soa.utexas.edu/programs/architecture/architecture-studio-culture>

EVALUATION CRITERIA\_ While each project contains certain quantifiable elements for evaluation, a significant portion of each grade is derived from broader and more subjective criteria. Student work will be evaluated according to its rigor and evolution over the semester. Grades are subject to deductions for late arrivals, absences, and late or incomplete work at the discretion of the instructor.

Grading for an assignment is broken into four components, each of which is given roughly equal weight:

Pursuit: the consistent and rigorous development and testing of ideas.

- The ability to formulate a query or thesis and pursue a self-determined concomitant method of inquiry
- The ability to identify and implement various processual mechanisms (software, sketch drawing and models, etc.) in the development of the design
- Initiative as demonstrated in work ethic – Does the student do what is asked; go beyond what is asked; direct their own efforts; eager to produce the next iteration of the design?

Grasp: the ideas and understanding of the project at hand and integration of knowledge introduced in companion courses.

- A strong and clearly stated design objective
- Spatial acuity as demonstrated in plan – including reasonable disposition of programmatic elements – and sectional development
- Synthetic and critical thinking; the ability to holistically organize a project as demonstrated through creative engagement with issues of materiality, structures and construction, structural and environmental system integration, building materials and assembly, sustainable practices, etc. in support of the design objective
- Structural competence and material sensitivity as demonstrated in wall thickness, floor plates, and assembly

Resolution: of the design objective; the demonstration of competence, completeness, and finesse in the final design presentation.

- Quality of presentation; clarity of communication; appropriateness of media strategy and level of skill displayed through the work presented at all stages of the design process; technical documentation

Engagement: the active participation in studio activities, leadership, collaboration, group discussions and reviews.

A student must earn a letter grade of C or better in order for the course to count towards a degree in the School of Architecture and to progress into the next studio. A letter grade of C- will not satisfy degree requirements.

#### GRADE DESCRIPTIONS

A/A-	Excellent Project surpasses expectations in terms of inventiveness, appropriateness, visual language, conceptual rigor, craft, and personal development. Student pursues concepts and techniques above and beyond what is discussed in class. Project is complete on all levels.
B+/B/B-	Above Average Project is thorough, well presented, diligently pursued, and successfully completed. Student pursues ideas and suggestions presented in class and puts in effort to resolve required projects. Project is complete on all levels and demonstrates potential for excellence.
C+/C	Average Project meets the minimum requirements. Suggestions made in class and not pursued with dedication and rigor. Project is incomplete in one or more areas.
C-/D+/D/D-	Poor Project is incomplete. Basic grasp of skill is lacking, visual clarity or logic of presentation are not level-appropriate. Student does not demonstrate the required competence and knowledge base.
F	Fail Project is unresolved. Minimum objectives are not met. Performance is not acceptable. Note that this grade will be assigned when students have excessive unexcused absences.
X	Excused Incomplete Can be given only for legitimate reasons of illness or family emergency. Simply not completing work on time is not an adequate cause for assigning this evaluation. It may only be used after consultation with the Associate Deans' offices and with an agreement as to a new completion date. Work must be completed before the second week of the next semester in which the student is enrolling, according to the School of Architecture policy.

**ATTENDANCE\_** Punctual and regular attendance is mandatory. Participation is expected. With three (3) unexcused absences, the student's final grade for the course will be lowered by a full letter grade. The final grade will be lowered by a full letter grade for each unexcused absence thereafter. Aside from religious observances, absences are only excused with written

documentation of a medical issue or family emergency. The student is responsible for completing work missed due to excused absences and initiating communication with the instructor to determine due dates.

If a student is late (5 minutes after the start of class) three (3) times, it will be counted as one (1) unexcused absence. Students should notify the instructor prior to class if lateness or absence is known in advance. Students must notify instructors directly regarding lateness or absences; Asking a classmate to inform the instructor is not acceptable.

**RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES\_** A student shall be excused from attending classes of other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for the purpose. A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence. University policy requires students to notify each of their instructors as far in advance of the absence as possible so that arrangements can be made.

By UT Austin policy, you must notify the instructor of the pending absence at least fourteen days prior to the date of a religious holy day. If you must miss a class, an examination, an assignment, or a project in order to observe a religious holy day, you will be given an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY\_** Each student in the course is expected to abide by the University of Texas Honor Code: "As a student of The University of Texas at Austin, I shall abide by the core values of the University and uphold academic integrity." Representing the work of others as your own, including plagiarism, is taken very seriously at UT. You must cite your sources when you use the words or ideas of others; otherwise you will be guilty of plagiarism and subject to academic disciplinary action, including failure of the course. You are responsible for understanding UT's Academic Honesty and the University Honor Code which can be found at the following web address: [http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acint\\_student.php](http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acint_student.php)

**Q DROP POLICY\_** If you want to drop a class after the 12th class day, you'll need to execute a Q drop before the Q-drop deadline, which typically occurs near the middle of the semester. Under Texas law, you are only allowed six Q drops while you are in college at any public Texas institution. For more information, see: <http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/csacc/academic/adddrop/qdrop>.

**PERSONAL PRONOUNS\_** Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender, gender variance, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name, unless they have added a "preferred name" with the Gender and Sexuality Center (<http://diversity.utexas.edu/genderandsexuality/publications-and-resources/>). The instructor will gladly honor your request to address you by a name that is different from what appears on the official roster and by the gender pronouns you use (she/he/they/ze, etc). Please advise the instructor of any changes early in the semester so appropriate updates may be made to their records.

**MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT SERVICES\_** Taking care of your general well-being is an important step in being a successful student. If stress, test anxiety, racing thoughts, feeling unmotivated, or anything else is getting in your way, there are options available for help:

- In-house CARE counselor (see below)
- For immediate support

- Visit/call the Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC):  
M-F 8am-5pm | SSB, 5<sup>th</sup> floor | 512-471-3515 | [cmhc.utexas.edu](http://cmhc.utexas.edu)
- CMHC Crisis Line:  
24/7 | 512-471-2255 | [cmhc.utexas.edu/24hourcounseling.html](http://cmhc.utexas.edu/24hourcounseling.html)
- Free services at CMHC:
  - Brief assessments and referral services: <https://cmhc.utexas.edu/gettingstarted.html>
  - Mental health & wellness articles: [cmhc.utexas.edu/commonconcerns.html](http://cmhc.utexas.edu/commonconcerns.html)
  - MindBody Lab: [cmhc.utexas.edu/mindbodylab.html](http://cmhc.utexas.edu/mindbodylab.html)
  - Classes, workshops, and groups: [cmhc.utexas.edu/groups.html](http://cmhc.utexas.edu/groups.html)

CARE PROGRAM\_ Counselors in Academic Residence (CARE) Program places licensed mental health professionals within the colleges or schools they serve in order to provide better access to mental health support for students who are struggling emotionally and/or academically.

Abby Simpson (LCSW) is the assigned CARE counselor for the School of Architecture. Faculty and staff may refer students to the CARE counselor or students may directly reach out to her. Please leave a message if she is unavailable by phone.

Abby Simpson, LCSW | BTL 114B | 512-471-3115 (M-F 8am-5pm)  
[https://cmhc.utexas.edu/CARE\\_simpson.html](https://cmhc.utexas.edu/CARE_simpson.html)

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES\_ This class respects and welcomes students of all backgrounds, identities, and abilities. Instructors are committed to creating an effective learning environment for all students, but this is possible only if you discuss your needs early. Any student with a documented disability who requires academic accommodations should contact Services for Students with Disabilities at 471-6259 (voice) or 512-410-6644 (Video Phone) as soon as possible to request an official letter outlining authorized accommodations. For more information, visit <http://ddce.utexas.edu/disability/about/>.

THE SANGER LEARNING CENTER\_ All students are welcome to take advantage of Sanger Learning Center's classes and workshops, private learning specialist appointments, peer academic coaching, and tutoring for more than 70 courses in 15 different subject areas. More than 20,000 students use the services at the Sanger Learning Center each year to improve their academic performance. For more information, please visit <http://ugs.utexas.edu/slc> or call 512-471-3614 (JES A332).

UNDERGRADUATE WRITING CENTER\_ <http://uwc.utexas.edu>

BEVOCAL\_ BeVocal is a university-wide initiative to promote the idea that individual Longhorns have the power to prevent high-risk behavior and harm. At UT Austin all Longhorns have the power to intervene and reduce harm. To learn more about BeVocal and how you can help to build a culture of care on campus, go to: <https://wellnessnetwork.utexas.edu/BeVocal/>.

BCAL\_ Concerns regarding the safety or behavior of fellow students, Teaching Assistants (TA), or Professors can be reported to the Behavior Concerns Advice Line (BCAL): 512-232-5050. Calls can be made anonymously. If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. Trust your instincts and share your concerns.

FOOD PANTRY & CAREER CLOTHES CLOSET\_ Student Emergency Services in the Office of the Dean of Students has launched UT Outpost (UA9 Building, 2609 University Ave; ring bell for service) to support students on our campus that is equipped with a food pantry, and a career

clothes closet to ensure every Longhorn has access to professional clothes for job and internship interviews. Emergencies and financial hardships can interfere with student success beyond the classroom, and this program will serve as an additional resource for students.

<http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/emergency/utoutpost.php>

**TITLE IX REPORTING\_** Title IX is a federal law that protects against sex and gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual misconduct, dating/domestic violence and stalking at federally funded educational institutions. UT Austin is committed to fostering a learning and working environment free from discrimination in all its forms. When sexual misconduct occurs in our community, the university can:

1. Intervene to prevent harmful behavior from continuing or escalating.
2. Provide support and remedies to students and employees who have experienced harm or have become involved in a Title IX investigation.
3. Investigate and discipline violations of the university's relevant policies:  
<https://titleix.utexas.edu/policies>.

Faculty members and certain staff members are considered "Responsible Employees" or "Mandatory Reporters," which means that they are required to report violations of Title IX to the Title IX Coordinator. Your instructor is a Responsible Employee and must report any Title IX related incidents that are disclosed in writing, discussion, or one-on-one.

Before talking with any faculty or staff member about a Title IX related incident, be sure to ask whether they are a responsible employee. If you want to speak with someone for support or remedies without making an official report to the university, email [advocate@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:advocate@austin.utexas.edu). For more information about reporting options and resources, visit <https://titleix.utexas.edu> or contact the Title IX Office at [titleix@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:titleix@austin.utexas.edu).

**SECURITY, SAFETY, AND SUSTAINABILITY\_** The studio is an exceptional learning environment. Since it is a place for all, it necessitates the careful attention to the needs of everyone. All spraying of fixative, spray paint, or any other substance should be done in the shop. Security is a necessary component for a studio that is accessible to you and your colleagues 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Do not leave your studio without your studio key and do not leave your studio unlocked. Hold yourself and your studiomates accountable for the security of your shared space.

The studio is an opportunity to apply sustainability principles, being mindful to recycle and reuse to reduce material consumption at UTSOA. Recyclable materials should be placed in blue bins or any other containers with white bags. The Material Exchange, a give-and-take system for students to donate materials and take what they need for studio and fabrication coursework, is available throughout the semester to all UT students in the UTSOA Technology Lab. All unwanted, reusable materials should be brought to the Material Exchange station in the Technology Lab at the end of the semester.

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION\_** In the case of emergency evacuation:

- Occupants of buildings on The University of Texas at Austin campus are required to evacuate buildings when a fire alarm is activated. Alarm activation or announcement requires exiting and assembling outside.
- Students should familiarize themselves with all exit doors of each classroom and building they may occupy. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one used when entering the building.
- Students requiring assistance in evacuation shall inform their instructor in writing during the first week of class. In the event of an evacuation, follow the instruction of faculty or class instructors.

- Reentry into a building is prohibited unless given instructions by the following: Austin Fire Department, The University of Texas at Austin Police Department, or Fire Prevention Services offices.

Information regarding emergency evacuation routes and emergency procedures can be found at: [www.utexas.edu/emergency](http://www.utexas.edu/emergency).

BUILD LAB POLICY\_ All students, faculty, and staff who wish to use the UTSOA Build Lab must take the EHS's online training. As this training is supplemental to UTSOA's Build Lab training, no one is excluded or grandfathered from the requirement; both are required in order to use the Build Lab's tools and equipment. The Build Lab has a card reader installed at the entrance. Those who have taken the online EHS training will be able to gain access during operating hours by swiping their UT ID cards at the door. More information can be found at: <https://wikis.utexas.edu/display/SOABuildLab/Build+Lab+Access+and+Training>.

RESOURCES\_ A variety of information and tools will be used during the course of the semester. As the school transitions to a remote studio environment this summer, new tools and approaches will supplement those that are already familiar to you. While we will use ZOOM for virtual face-to-face discussions, we will also incorporate other communication applications, as needed. Please be patient with yourself and others as we all learn and experiment with these new platforms for better communication and creativity.