

# Modern and Contemporary Global Architecture

## ARCH 417 - Fall 2026

Illinois School of Architecture

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



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Class Days/Time:

Mon., Wed., 11:00am-12:20pm

Classroom:

220 Wohlers Hall

Prerequisite:

ARCH 210 or ARTH 112

Course Website:

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### Course Description

This course surveys the comparative history of world architecture and urbanism from c1900 to the present, including modernist, postmodernist and contemporary architectures. Themes include the rise of new typologies, materials and techniques; the centrality of utopian thought, both built and imagined; architecture's role in forging emerging national and postcolonial identities; architecture as visual communication; the rise of spectacle and the privatization of public space; adaptive reuse and emerging discourses of sustainability.