Why Teach Masonry Construction to Architects?

Incorporating Masonry into the Curriculum

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Course Description

This course summarizes alternative means through which masonry design and construction systems can be incorporated into an architecture curriculum.

It explains accreditation and licensure expectations regarding masonry design and construction systems.

It also reviews key content regarding masonry construction systems, and presents the challenges faced by an architect in practice regarding masonry design and construction.

Learning Objectives

At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- 1 Understand how courses containing masonry content help meet NAAB requirements
- 2 Understand how masonry is addressed in the Architectural Registration Exam
- 3 Examine how architects in practice apply knowledge about masonry design and detailing
- 4 Understand recent innovations regarding masonry products and accessories





There are basically two motives for learning about **any** construction system, including masonry.

One is to **avoid failure**.

Failure includes everything from an embarrassing design flaw to catastrophic collapse of a built work.

The second motive is to **achieve success**. That is, to produce excellent architecture. This is the motive worthy of our attention. If we direct our efforts toward this objective, the other will not be an issue.

Excellent masonry buildings are produced by designers and craftspeople who have accepted the unusual discipline of masonry construction, have revealed insights about how it is best used, and have executed the work in a craftsmanlike manner.

Following is an outline of factors that designers and craftspeople needs to be aware of when making a building containing masonry.

Masonry buildings are difficult to design and build well.

•Many possible solutions exist.

No 2 masonry buildings have the same formal, technical or aesthetic features.

•Lots of new, difficult challenges to face.

Clay masonry construction is 6,000 years old, but today's masonry walls are complex 20th and 21st century inventions, that are still evolving.

•Design, detailing, and construction administration are more challenging.

When fees for services are reduced fewer detail drawings are prepared. This often means more RFI's during construction.

Marketplace demands greater certainty.

regarding quality, cost and time.

•Quality control is difficult to achieve.

variations in mason's training
lack of ability to inspect built work
absence of designer from construction site where critical details are made

•Initial costs are volatile.

especially due to significant labor component, but life-cycle costs are very low.

Construction professionals need to be competent in the design and construction of masonry buildings.

•NCARB licensing criteria require some level of competency.

•Masonry is often used today as a veneer, as part of the enclosure system. the designer (often not an engineer) is responsible.

•Masonry construction is composed of many materials and elements. each of which must be carefully combined into effective details.

•Masons are responsible for the proper installation of many accessories. which are critical to performance.

•Masonry can be an economical, durable, sustainable, and versatile. if properly executed.

 Presentations will include examples of
 very good building designs and details showing that skilled designers and builders can do wonderful things

•very poor building designs and details showing that unskilled designers and builders can do harm

The competent construction of masonry buildings involves an ongoing commitment to education and training.

• Being a competent construction professional requires some level of *understanding* and *ability* regarding masonry.

Understanding: the assimilation and comprehension of information.

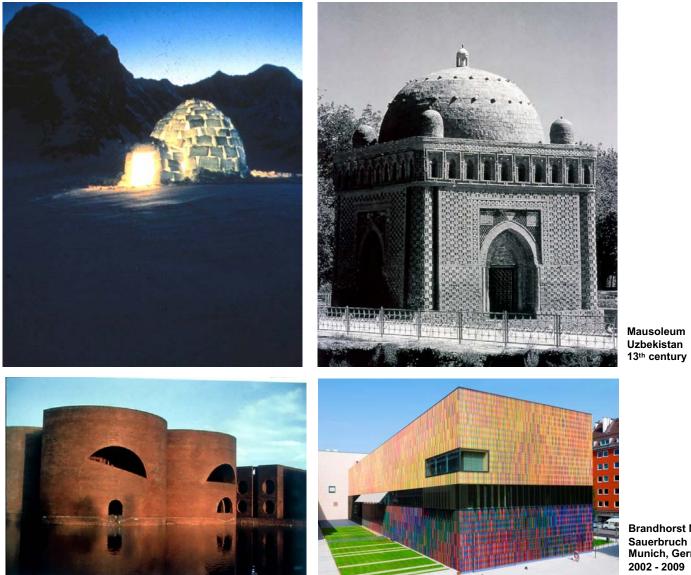
Ability: the skill in using information to accomplish a task, in correctly selecting the appropriate information, and in applying it to the task.



• Students are eager to learn about this ancient yet ever-changing construction medium. It offers immediate, tangible gratification.

- Physical modeling is complementary to digital media.
- Where should masonry be taught in the curriculum?
 - •Survey of architecture faculty in North America
 - •Curricular innovations in courses, laboratories and studios
 - •Active learning enhances student performance quickly and permanently
 - •Informal discussions at this workshop may yield new ideas
- A well-organized masonry industry is available to offer assistance to academia.





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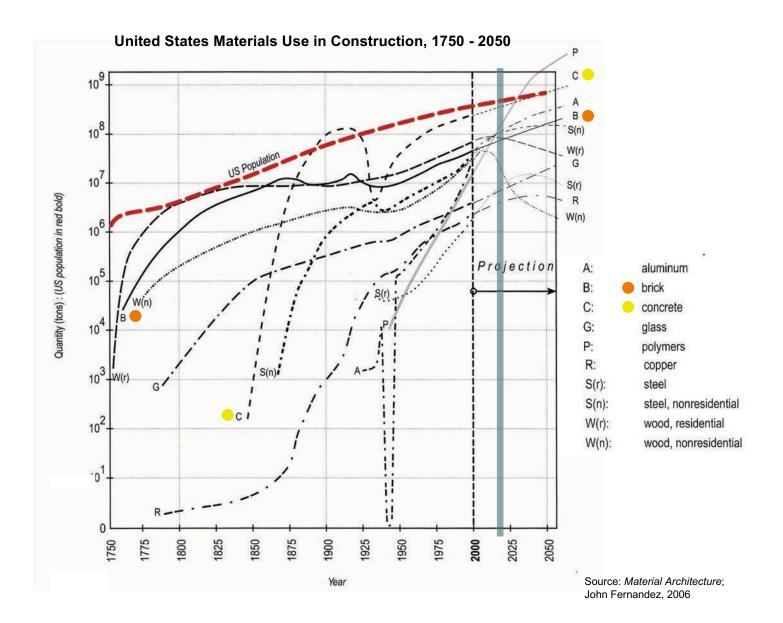
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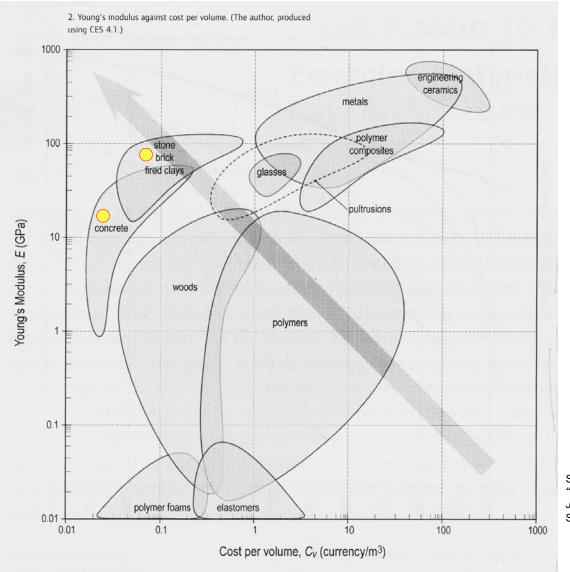
Year	Major Events in the History of Masonry Construction
prehistoric	Numerous primitive structures made by stacking stone on stone
-10,000	Sun-dried brick first made, reinf. w/ straw or dung, Middle East
<mark>_</mark> -3,500	First kiln-fired brick, Middle East (Babylonia and Assyria)
-2,500	Mortar made using sand and gypsum, Egypt
-1,400	Arches first used, Babylonia
-1,300	Barrel vaults@ Tombs, Mycenae, Eastern Mediterranean
<u> </u>	Mortar made using sand and lime, Rome and Greece
-300	Pozzolan (volcanic ash) added to mortar to make it more gluelike, Rome
-10	Vitruvius established the 1:3 ratio of lime:sand for mortar
<u> </u>	First concrete masonry units made; solid units, present day Naples
50-100	First true domes, stone, Rome; Vitruvius' 10 Books of Architecture
124	Pantheon; clay masonry faced with stone 142' d. dome, 4' thick at top, 12' thick walls at base, empirical design, Rome
1824	Portland Cement invented, used in concrete, later used in mortar; Leeds, England
1830's	Cement-based cast stone units made to mimic ashlar
1889	Monadnock Building, Chicago; Burnham and Root, world's tallest building (16-stories) unreinforced loadbearing brick building, 6' thick walls at base, empirically designed,
900	How has masonry craft changed over the years? Use of trowel, spirit level and stretched string all thousands of years old. The steam barrel invented to mix mortar
1929	Autoclaved aerated concrete invented in Sweden.
1940's	The paddle mixer invented for mortar making

Automated production of concrete masonry

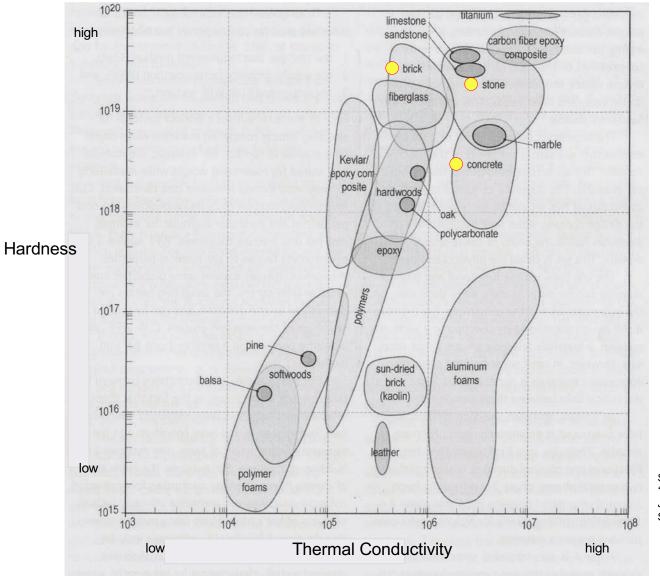


Fort Macon Bogue Banks, NC 1834



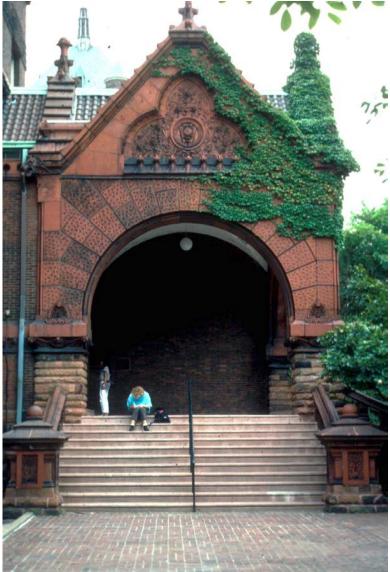


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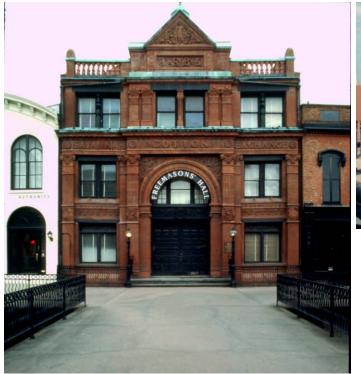


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Fisher Library Frank Furness University of Penn 1891





MIT Hockey Rink Davis Brody Cambridge 1981

Cotton Exchange Savannah 1886

From the nature of the material the design comes...







soft mud manufacturing process periodic kiln



stiff mud manufacturing process tunnel kiln

















Interstate Super Atlas

Large format











FormBlock



LitraCon



Future of Concrete

New and even more exciting concrete hybrids and technologies are now on the horizon. For example, one of the givens of concrete construction for the past century has been the need for steel reinforcement, but ultra-high-performance concrete is now available that obviates the need for rebar in even long-span structures. The material is, in effect, self-reinforcing, thanks to the advanced fibers added to the concrete formula. Even more amazing is the prospect of translucent concrete, of which several prototypes are currently in development. The near future holds the promise of architecture unlike anything one might have conceived even a few years ago. Concrete, in its myriad forms, will remain a key determinant and facilitator of changes to the way we design and build.

Prototype wall of LiTraCon, a translucent concrete product. Courtesy of LiTraCon, © GmbH





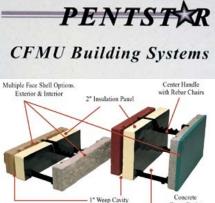
been designed into more than 7,000 structures, and has been thoroughly tested, to be sure that it is the very best product that construction has to offer. The masonry units used for Integra are available in a variety of types and textures to suit he designer's needs. Quality control is an important feature of The Integra Wall System. Not only are the individual components provided by Oldcastle companies, but the way each project is engineered, constructed, and post-tensioned, is monitored by Oldcastle person-

The Integra Wall System has



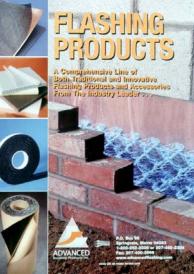
BETTER BLOCKS Alternatives to building materials that

contain Portland cement are few. But the modular Watershed Block from Watershed Materials in Napa, Calif, aims to fill the gap. Made of fused soil and rock fragments including quartz and other minerals, it contains half the cement of typical concrete units but weighs up to 30 percent more. Backed by a National Science Foundation grant, the manufacturer is working on a structural block that contains no cement. Offered in standard CMU dimensions.



Grout Cavity

CONCRETE FORM MASONRY UNITS





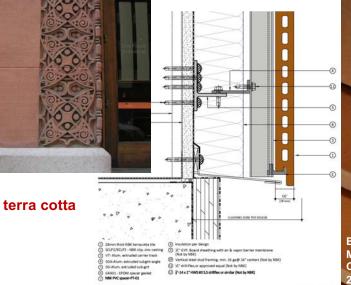
BIOMASON

The fabrication of Portland cement–based masonry units is notorious for its CO_2 emissions, spurring the development of products and processes that emit fewer air pollutants and VOCs. One of these, BioMason, uses bacteria grown from yeast extract to do the binding work of cement when mixed with an aggregate. The result is a durable masonry unit that hardens in fewer than five days. The product won the inaugural Cradle to Cradle Product Innovation Challenge in 2013. *biomason.com* Circle 103

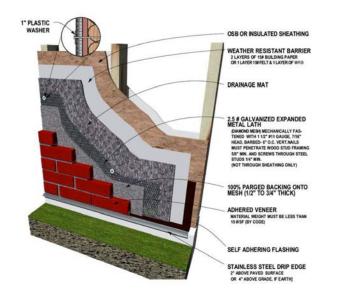




adhered masonry









Holes in face brick are good:

- · reduces manufacturing time for drying and firing
- · reduces weight
- · reduces cost; more sustainable; less clay or shale
- · increases bond with mortar
- not large enough to receive vertical rebar

"**solid**" face brick can have up to 25% cores in section (C216)

"**hollow**" face brick can have between 25% and 60% cores in section (C652)

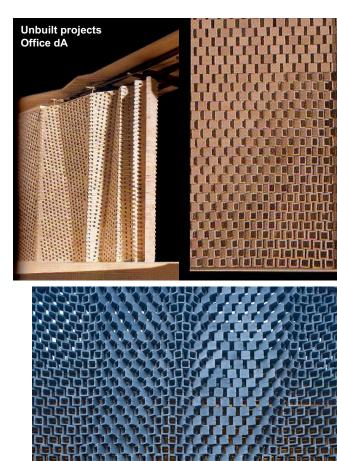
These photos show a 10-hole brick cored with 22%, 30%, and 34% void; and a 3-hole unit cored with 25%, 32%, and 35% void.



Solid C216

Hollow C652



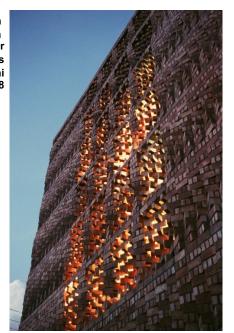


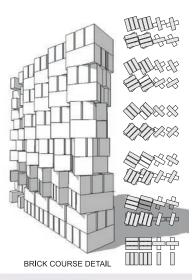
South Asian Human Rights Documentation Center Anagram Architects New Delhi 2008



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Masonry Light Wall designer Hanney & Associates Architects

haarchitects.com Martin Hanney, AIA, of Wichita-based Hanney & Associates Architects, designed an innovative way to bring light through a

solid masonry wall for an elementary school project. Acrylic dowels spaced at 8" centers, both vertically and horizontally, are laid in the mortar bed of an exterior masonry wall. As people walk past the wall, they create a pixilated light display for those inside. **CIRCLE 203**



Gantenbein Vineyard Facade Bearth & Deplazes Architekten ETH Collaborators: Bonwetsch and Knauss Fläsch, Switzerland 2006

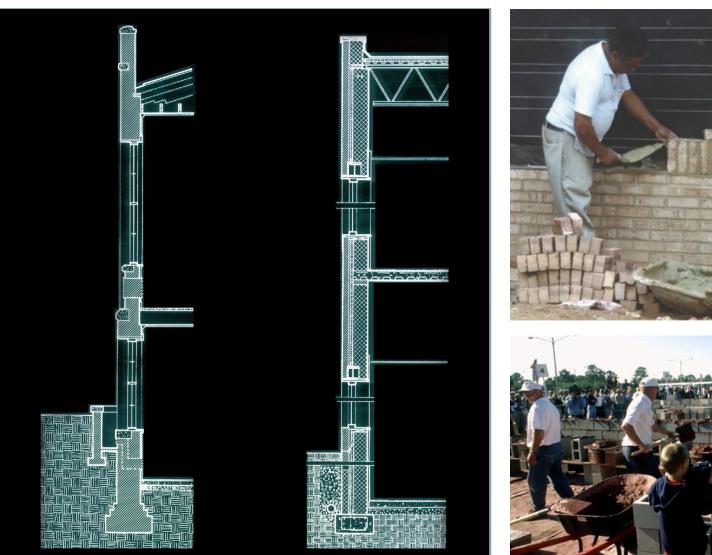












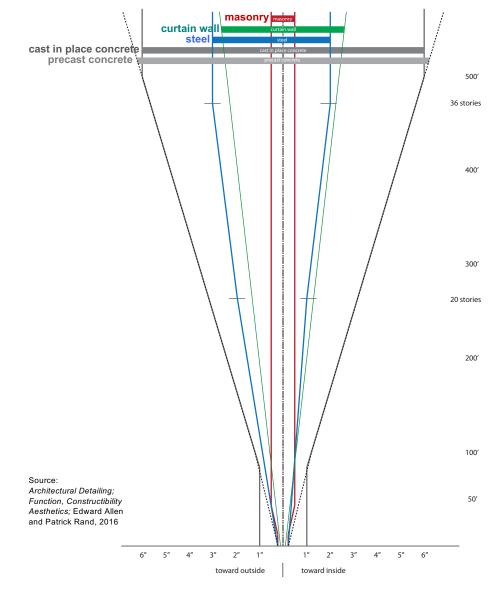
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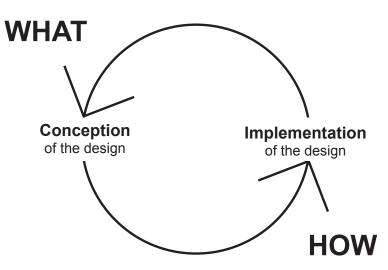


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Knowing **What** one would like to build inspires one to find out **How** to build well.



Knowing **How** to build well inspires new ideas about **What** one can build.





3.2 Student Criteria (SC): Student Learning Objectives and Outcomes

A program must demonstrate how it addresses the following criteria through program curricula and other experiences, with an emphasis on the articulation of learning objectives and assessment.

SC.1 Health, Safety, and Welfare in the Built Environment—

How the program ensures that students **understand** the impact of the built environment on human health, safety, and welfare at multiple scales, from buildings to cities.

SC.2 Professional Practice—How the program ensures that students **understand** professional ethics, the regulatory requirements, the fundamental business processes relevant to architecture practice in the United States, and the forces influencing change in these subjects.

SC.3 Regulatory Context—How the program ensures that students **understand** the fundamental principles of life safety, land use, and current laws and regulations that apply to buildings and sites in the United States, and the evaluative process architects use to comply with those laws and regulations as part of a project.

SC.4 Technical Knowledge—How the program ensures that students **understand** the established and emerging systems, technologies, and assemblies of building construction, and the methods and criteria architects use to assess those technologies against the design, economics, and performance objectives of projects.

The following (from the 2020 Procedures, section 3.5.2) describes the types of evidence required for the assessment of SC.1 through SC.4:

Primary Evidence for Student Criteria (SC) SC.1 through SC.4. These criteria will be evaluated at the understanding level. The program will submit the primary exhibits as evidence for SC.1-4 to the visiting team in an electronic format 45 days before the visit. Programs must provide the following:

Narrative: A narrative description of how the program achieves and evaluates each criterion.

Self-Assessment: Evidence that each student learning outcome associated with these criteria is developed and assessed by the program on a recurring basis, with a summary of the modifications the program has made to its curricula and/or individual courses based on findings from its assessments since the previous review.

Supporting Materials: Supporting materials demonstrating how the program accomplishes its objectives related to each criterion. Organize the supporting exhibits in the format specified by the NAAB and include the following for each course associated with the student learning outcome:

- a) Course Syllabus. The syllabus must clearly articulate student learning outcome objectives for the course, the methods of assessment (e.g., tests, project assignments), and the relative weight of each assessment tool used by the instructor(s) to determine student performance.
- b) **Course Schedule**. The schedule must clearly articulate the topics covered in the class and the amount of time devoted to each course subtopic.
- c) Instructional Materials. The supporting materials must clearly illustrate the instructional materials used in the course. These may include a summary of required readings, lecture materials, field trips, workshop descriptions, and other materials used in the course to achieve the intended learning outcomes.

• **Understanding**—The capacity to classify, compare, summarize, explain and/or interpret information.

• **Ability**—Proficiency in using specific information to accomplish a task, correctly selecting the appropriate information, and accurately applying it to the solution of a specific problem, while also distinguishing the effects of its implementation.



3.2 Student Criteria (SC): Student Learning Objectives and Outcomes

A program must demonstrate how it addresses the following criteria through program curricula and other experiences, with an emphasis on the articulation of learning objectives and assessment.

SC.5 Design Synthesis—How the program ensures that students develop the **ability** to make design decisions within architectural projects while demonstrating synthesis of user requirements, regulatory requirements, site conditions, and accessible design, and consideration of the measurable environmental impacts of their design decisions.

SC.6 Building Integration—How the program ensures that students develop the **ability** to make design decisions within architectural projects while **demonstrating integration of building envelope systems and assemblies, structural systems, environmental control systems, life safety systems**, and the measurable outcomes of building performance.

The following (from the 2020 Procedures, section 3.5.3) describes the types of evidence required for the assessment of SC.5 and SC.6:

Primary Evidence for SC.5 and SC.6. These criteria will be evaluated at the ability level. Programs may design their curricula to satisfy these criteria via a single course or a combination of courses. Evidence supplied for these required courses is provided in the team room and include fully labeled exhibits of student work from each course section. Programs must provide the following:

Narrative: A narrative description of how the program achieves and evaluates each criterion.

Self-Assessment: Evidence that each student learning outcome associated with these criteria is developed and assessed by the program on a recurring basis, with a summary of the modifications the program has made to its curricula and/or individual courses based on findings from its assessments since the previous review. If the program accomplishes these criteria in more than one course, it must demonstrate that it coordinates the assessment of these criteria across those courses.

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Student Work Examples: The program must collect all passing student work produced for the course(s) in which the learning outcomes associated with this criterion are achieved within one year before the visit, or the full academic cycle in which the courses are offered. The visiting team will evaluate approximately 20 percent (no less than three, no more than thirty examples) of the student work collected in this time frame, selected by the NAAB at random before the visit. The program may self-select additional student work, up to 10 percent, for the visiting team to review.

If several courses are used to satisfy the SC, the class lists from each course must be aligned so that a random selection process will collect the work of each student selected in all classes that are used to meet the SC. The student lists provided must comply with FERPA rules.

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Courses and Studios crossreferenced with the **2014** NAAB Student Performance Criteria

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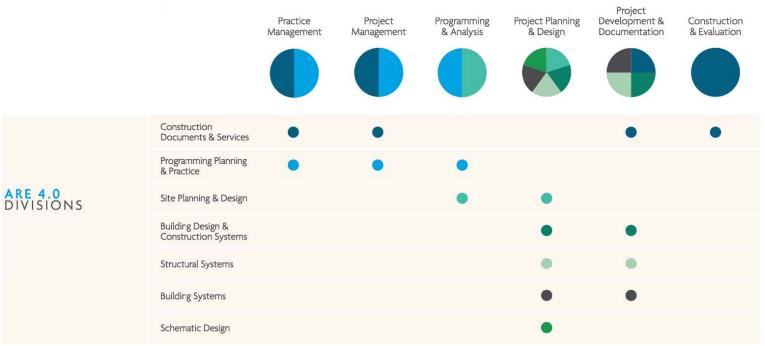
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Understanding ARE 5.0

NCARB used the results of the NCARB 2012 Practice Analysis of Architecture when developing ARE 5.0 to determine the critical knowledge and skills an architect must perform competently. These knowledge and skills were organized into **six practice-based divisions:**



ARE 5.0 DIVISIONS

Use these columns to determine which ARE 4.0 division(s) you will need to pass to earn an ARE 5.0 credit.





ARE 5.0 HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION **DIVISION DETAILS** PRACTICE MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENT DURATION* TEST DURATION ITEMS PROJECT 2 MANAGEMENT 100 4 hr 5 min 5 hr PROGRAMMING & 3 ANALYSIS *Appointments allow for introductory screens, a break if you choose, and closing screens. PROJECT 4 PLANNING & DESIGN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DOCUMENTATION 5

DIVISION DESCRIPTION

Project Development & Documentation

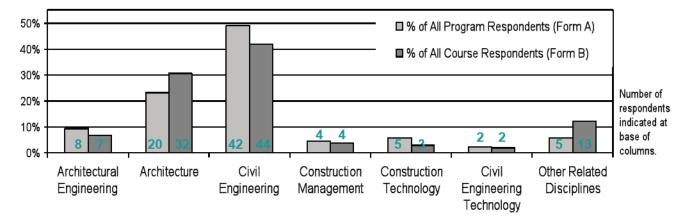
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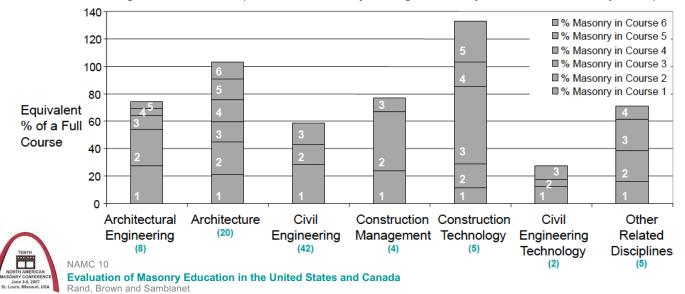
- → Evaluating project documentation for the constructability of a building and site
- → Integrating technical knowledge and information to refine a design
- Integrating materials and building systems to meet the project design requirements
- construction documentation

The 120 items will assess you on five sections related to Project Development & Documentation. The number of items from each section will vary based on the targeted percentage of items within each section.

CONSTRUCTION & EVALUATION	SECTION DETAILS				
CASE STUDIES	SECTIONS	EXPECTED NUMBER OF ITEMS		TARGET PERCENTAGE	
ARE 5.0	SECTION 1: Integration of Building Materials & Systems	31-37	31-37%		
REFERENCES	SECTION 2: Construction Documentation	32-38		32-38%	
-	SECTION 3: Project Manual & Specifications	12-18			12-18%
	SECTION 4: Codes & Regulations	8-14			8-14%
104 ダ 182	SECTION 5: Construction Cost Estimates	2-8			2-8%
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Percentage and Number of Respondents to Surveys, by Discipline





Average Cumulative Exposure to Masonry through Masonry-related Courses, by Discipline

Constraints on Masonry Instruction in Curricula

What factors constrain masonry instruction? (Please check all that apply)									
	Number	% of all Respondents (24)							
Curriculum restriction	17	71%							
Lack of faculty to teach such a course	10	42%							
Lack of student demand / interest	5	21%							
Other	5	21%							
Lack of faculty interest	3	13%							
Lack of industry support	3	13%							

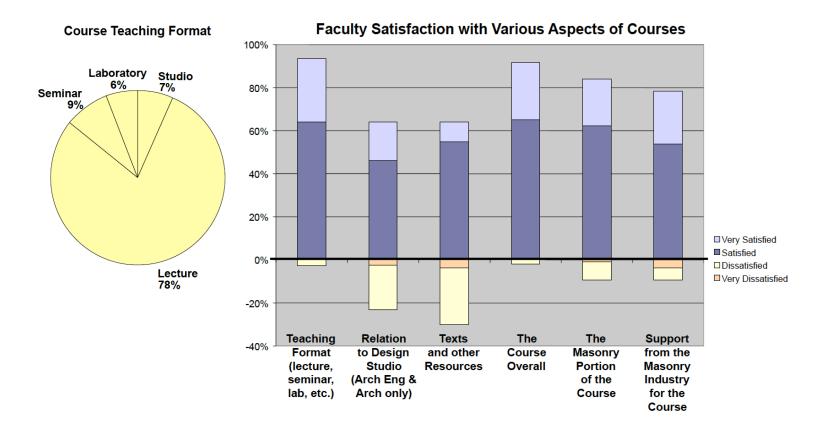
•Curriculum restrictions were noted by 71% of all respondents as the primary constraint on masonry in the curriculum. Such curricular limits are typically governed by accreditation criteria or departmental policy, and are not easily altered.

•Accreditation requirements vary by discipline. Masonry instruction is required in all accredited Architecture programs; in other disciplines masonry instruction is optional.

•Enhancements to masonry instruction will likely need to be achieved within existing courses. •Only 13% of respondents cited a lack of interest by faculty or in support from industry.

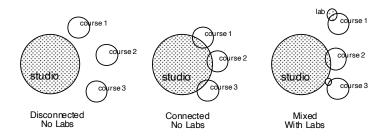


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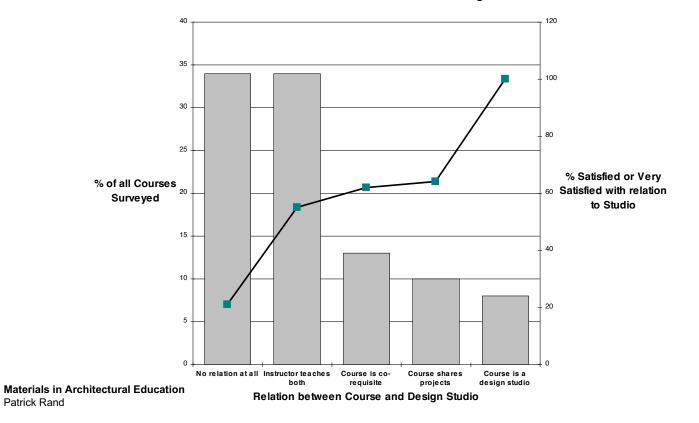


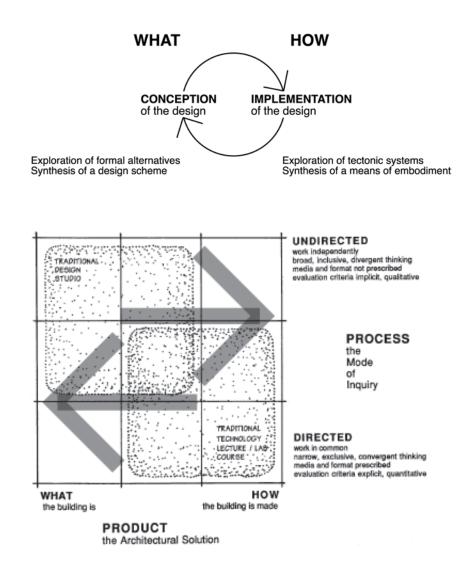


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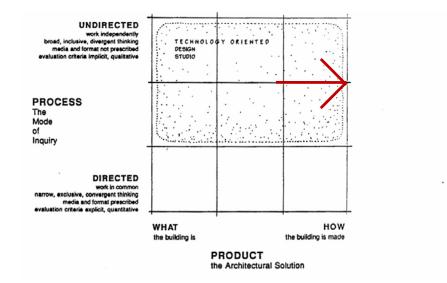


Satisfaction with Relation between Course and Design Studio



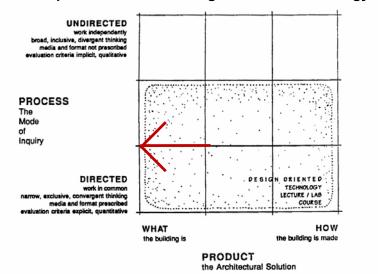


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Guiding principles for design studio projects include:

- 1. Students primarily work individually, but small groups are also possible.
- 2. The point of departure for project is outlined in general; scope is relatively broad and inclusive.
- 3. Insights and knowledge about technology provoke design innovation.
- 4. There are a plurality of correct solutions; emphasis placed on understanding the implications of any proposal.
- 5. Varied learning / designing styles are accommodated; whole-brain activity is involved.
- 6. The presentation format is not tightly defined.
- 7. Evaluation criteria are implicit involving qualitative comparison or analysis.



Incorporate the act of Design into the Technology courses.

Guiding principles for technology course projects and laboratory assignments include:

- 1. Students may work individually, but small groups may be better.
- 2. The point of departure for project is clearly defined; scope is relatively narrow and exclusive.
- 3. The act of making, even if only hypothetical, provokes inquiry to new knowledge and innovation.
- 4. There are a plurality of correct solutions; emphasis placed on understanding the implications of a proposal.
- 5. Varied learning / designing styles are accommodated; whole-brain activity is involved.
- 6. Presentation format is relatively narrowly defined.
- 7. Evaluation criteria are explicit and may involve quantitative comparison or analysis.

Teaching Masonry through Design

Masonry Educator's Workshop

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The making of buildings forms the intersection between architectural concept and implementation. Concept is dependent upon detail. Detail is dependent upon concept. In architecture, the general concept and the specific detail are simply two aspects of the same thing.

Elements of construction are not only of technical concern, but have potential compositional and symbolic content that make them integral to, and inspiration for, the making of form. Construction materials and details give voice to the architectural concept.

Optimal learning in building technology courses takes place when technology and design are engaged together.

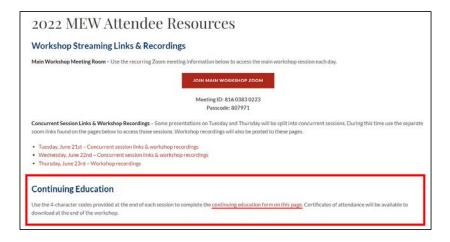
To integrate technology with design, faculty may have to overcome a tendency to think of **knowledge** and **imagination** as two separate and even antagonistic domains. They are not.

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