Time  
Tu + Th  
4:00pm - 5:20pm

Location  
Lawrence Hall 177

Credits  
4

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Course Description  
The first in a sequence of two classes covering the history of landscape architecture, this class explores the history and theory of the designed landscape from the beginnings of human settlement into the 19th century. The course operates from the principle that every designed landscape can be understood as a product of contemporary context(s) and/or historical traditions, situated (or not) in a particular site. Lectures, readings, and assignments will introduce traditions and build descriptive and interpretive
skills, leading to a critical and literate appreciation of the designed landscape, both past and present.

Prerequisite

None. Open to all undergraduate and graduate students in all departments.

Curricular Context

This class is required for BLA and MLA students. The class also fulfills the “Renaissance” Architectural History requirement for BArch and MArch students.

Grading

Landscape Architecture students (minors, BLA, and MLA degree) are required to take the class for a letter grade. All other students may take the class for a letter grade or as Pass/No Pass.

Class Format

Class meeting times are primarily structured around lectures, with occasional exercises, group discussions, and guest presentations. Outside of class time, students are required to review the lectures, complete the weekly readings, submit weekly reading responses (LA 574 only), prepare tradition guides, and complete assigned projects. This work outside of class time is expected to take an average of 8 hours per week (LA 474) and 12 hours per week (LA 574).

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, you will have:

1. Learned the characteristics, designs, designers, landscape types, elements, theorists, and literature of historic traditions in landscape architecture.
2. Practiced historiographic description and interpretation of landscape architecture.
3. Understood how the history of landscape architecture informs contemporary practice.

Required Textbook

The following is the required textbook for this class:


The textbook is available from The Duck Store bookstore. A copy will be available on reserve at the DSGN library (if COVID-19 restrictions allow). Note that this textbook is the same as that required for LA 475/575: History of Landscape Architecture II.