ARC313: History of Modern Architecture I (2 Credit Units)

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This is an introductory course reviewing the development of 20th century architecture in form of lectures and illustrations and discussion where appropriate. It is basically a course on architecture and architects of the 20th century and their impact on the development of the International Style.

MODULE 1: The idea of Modern Architecture in the 20th Century-A discussion of approaches; The historical process leading to the creation of the modern movement in architecture, The first theorist of a modern architecture; Historical prototypes and the rationalist approach; abstract view of history and other ingredients in the formulation of modern architecture.

MODULE 2: The Search for New Forms-The precursors of contemporary architecture; The art Nouveau and its practitioners Victor Aorta, Henry van der Velde, Antoni Gaudi Rennie Mackintosh.; Brussels as Centre of Contemporary Art; H.P. Berlage, Otto Wagner, Adolf Loos, Josef Hoffman.

MODULE 3: New Conceptions of Space-Review of various paths to Vocabularies of Architectural Design; Influence of cubism and Abstract art, the avante-garde and the De Stijl Movement.

MODULE 4: The International Style: Theme and Variations-The spread of modern architecture in the developing counties; Africa and Latin America particularly Nigeria.

The spread of modern architecture continued. MODULE 5: Form and Content in the Works of Pioneers of Modern Architecture-Study of selected Pioneers; FL Wright, Le Corbusier, Walter Gropius, Mies van der Rohe; Study of selected Pioneers continued.

MODULE 6: Independent Investigation-Independent Investigation by students begins, Independent Investigation by students continued; Presentation by students using multimedia projectors of results of investigation. Field Trip.