

Architecture

Summer Project Assignment Brief

Module Code

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Pre-Arrival Project

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Assessment Details

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Exploring My Hometown's Character	N/A	N/A

Context: Exploring My Hometown's Character: Photograph and Sketch a Place with Character and Scale

Welcome to the exciting world of architecture! Before you begin your studies, it's important to start honing your skills and developing your architectural eye. To do this, we've created an architectural task that you can complete in your hometown.

The aim of this task is to learn the first steps in analysing a place according to an architectural perspective, and to decipher the key features for the comprehension of its making.

Brief:

Instructions:

- Choose a place in your hometown that you find interesting. This could be a park, a building, a street, or any other space that catches your eye.
- Take a walk around the area and take at least 10 photographs of the place from different angles and perspectives. Make sure to capture the character and scale of the place. Pay attention to details such as textures, colours, materials, and patterns.
- Create sketch(s) or drawing(s) of the place. This can be a quick sketch or a more detailed drawing. Try to capture the essence of the place and its unique character, use drawing materials such as pencils, pens, markers or paints.
- Reflect on the character of the area you explored. What makes this area unique? What are some common characteristics of the buildings and spaces? How do they contribute to the overall character of the place?
- Write a short paragraph describing the place and your impressions of it. Use architectural terms such as "place", "character", and "scale" to describe the space.

You will be asked to share your photographs, sketch(s), and description with your classmates and discuss your observations and impressions of the place at the welcome week via a power point presentation (*time 3mins | maximum 5 slides | ensure you have a usb stick with the file on your first day*).

Deliverables:

Your project submission must include the following:

1. At least 10 photographs of your chosen place from different angles and perspectives. Make sure to capture the character and scale of the place.
2. A short paragraph describing the place and your impressions of it. Use architectural terms such as "place", "character", and "scale" to describe the space
3. sketch(s) or drawing(s) of the place – in your chosen medium
4. USB stick with a presentation compiling the above information (preferably PDF or Powerpoint)

Submission:

And don't forget to include the following:

- Your name:
- Your Course title:
- Project Title and Date: Summer Project 2023
- **Bring the project with you for the start of Welcome Week on Monday 18th September**

If you need any help or advice on how to complete this task, please send an email to our school administration team stating the name of the course you are about to join and the questions you want to ask to the following email address:

csadadmin@cardiffmet.ac.uk

Academic or technical terms explained:

Architecture Concepts:

Place: Place refers to the unique qualities and characteristics of a space. It includes physical and cultural aspects such as geography, climate, history, and social context.

Character: Character refers to the distinctive features and qualities of a space that make it unique. This includes elements such as architecture, landscape, and culture.

Scale: Scale refers to the relationship between the size of an object or space and the size of the human body. It can also refer to the proportion of different elements within a space.

By completing this task, you'll begin to develop your architectural eye and learn to observe and appreciate the qualities of different spaces. Good luck!

Notes:

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