

# AHI 279: Contemporary Architecture

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## FINAL ESSAY



### ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

- Your final assignment for the course will be to write a **five-page response** to the question: **“What is the Future of Architecture?”**
- Your response should include references to architects, buildings, and projects and should serve as a reflection of what you have learned during the course of the semester.
- I recommend reviewing the topics covered in the syllabus and re-reading what you found particularly compelling from the course readings to help you begin to structure your essay. You are free to discuss any issues, architects, locations that you choose, but you should show your understanding of the breadth of trends in contemporary architecture today. Your essay should be at the same time specific and broad. Your commentaries and book review should serve as examples, and I recommend reviewing the comments you received on those assignments.
- I am available during office hours to discuss your essay or by appointment. I am also available by email. The Writing Center is also a great resource for working on your writing, but appointment slots fill up quickly at the end of the semester, so plan accordingly.

### ASSIGNMENT DETAILS

- For issues of formatting, citations, style, please consult the **“Notes on Written Assignments”** handout.
- Your final essay should be 5 pages maximum in length (4.5 pages minimum).

### DUE DATES

- **SUNDAY, May 11<sup>th</sup> by Midnight** – Final Essay for Graduating Seniors Due
- **WEDNESDAY, May 14<sup>th</sup> by 5pm** – Final Essay Due

### GRADING

- Your **Final Essay is worth 15%** of your final grade.
- **Note:** Late assignments will be deducted 1 grade for each day of lateness.

## FINAL ESSAY GRADING RUBRIC

Criteria	Possible Points	Points Earned	Comments
<b>Style and Grammar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper meets the 4.5-page minimum and 5-page maximum requirement (double-spaced).</li> <li>• Paper is thoroughly edited and free of grammatical and spelling errors.</li> <li>• Paper is written in the third person.</li> <li>• Paper is written in an academic tone and follows style guidelines in the “Notes on Written Assignments” handout.</li> </ul>	3		
<b>Organization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper is well organized and has a logical structure.</li> <li>• Includes an introduction and conclusion.</li> <li>• Examples discussed build upon one another and form a cohesive essay</li> </ul>	5		
<b>Citations/Bibliography</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correct use of footnotes as needed in accordance with the Chicago Manual of Style.</li> <li>• Bibliography is correctly formatted.</li> </ul>	2		
<b>Quality of Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sufficient detail is provided to support your response to the question posed.</li> <li>• Student shows a clear understanding of trends in contemporary architecture and makes a clear case for where they see the future of architecture heading.</li> <li>• Essay is a commentary and takes a critical stance (not simply a summary of current trends)</li> <li>• Student shows creativity in the examples chosen</li> <li>• Student shows creativity and originality in the response to the question posed</li> </ul>	5		
<b>Total Points:</b>	15		
<b>Additional Comments:</b>			