# **Subject description**

Faculty of Architecture, WUT 2020, Architecture studies

### Architecture for Society of Knowledge speciality

ADVANCED VISUAL COMMUNICATION		ASK4-D-Av	MSc level	semester 4
Classes: seminar	Hours/semester <b>20</b>	Student's workload hours: <b>28</b>	Status: obligatory Level:	ECTS: <b>2</b>
			Advanced Diploma module	Exam: <b>no</b>

Unit delivering this subject: Katedra Projektowania Architektonicznego

Pracownia Projektowania Architektonicznego Wspomaganego

Komputerem

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## Learning outcomes and subject delivery methods

#### **Objective of the course:**

The seminar aims to gain the awareness and importance of advanced visual communication in the architect's workshop and the students' ability to shape a visual message in architecture in a fully conscious and purposeful way to achieve specific goals.

#### **General description of the course:**

Classes are associated with the final design involving analysis of the role of the visual message in individual phases of the design process. The visual message in architecture as a design tool and as a communication tool.

#### Scope of taught competencies:

- Skill in formulating a legible message of high substantive and aesthetic quality illustrating the design concept
- Skill in critical assessment of the visual communiqué
- Skill in visualising questions related to the extra–geometric qualities of designed space (e.g. functional matters)

#### **Learning outcomes:**

No. of the	Description
outcome/	
area	
Knowledge	
ASK_D7	Student knows the aesthetics of visual communication in architecture, in particular,
W01	the use of graphic elements in the architectural design.
ASK_D7	Student has theoretically founded knowledge about advanced techniques of visual
W02	communication and their application in the presentation of design works
Skills	
2ASK_D7	Student can prepare an attractive and communicative presentation of the project
U01	work
ASK_D7	Student expands the skills of the workshop leading to the efficient transfer of design
U02	ideas
2ASK_D7	Student can prepare an attractive and communicative presentation of the project
U01	work
Social	
competenc	

es	
ASK_D7	Student understands the need to clearly express the design idea, also in a non-
K01	professional environment
ASK_D7	Student can efficiently communicate essential information about project work Student
K02	can efficiently communicate essential information about project work

#### **Learning contents:**

During the seminar, knowledge about the principles of visual communication in architecture is transferred, both in the context of the elements of the designed objects as well as in the context of the architect's and urbanist's workshop. Particular emphasis is placed on the readability, clarity and intelligibility of the message, also in the context of an unskilled recipient.

#### Teaching methods and forms:

The seminars start with a short introduction, followed by students presentation concepts of using visual communication elements in the project as well as the concept of the transmission of the design idea: both in graphic form (diploma boards) and multimedia presentation.

#### Method of testing the learning outcomes:

Outcome number	Way of testing
Knowledge	
ASK_D7, W_01	Presentation evaluation.
ASK_D7, W_02	As above.
Skills	
ASK_D7, U_01	Presentation evaluation.
ASK_D7, U_02	As above.
Social	
competences	
ASK_D7, KS_01	ASK_D7
ASK_D7, KS_02	As above.

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