INTRODUCTION

Scandinavian architects have had a profound effect upon the trajectory of Western architecture, from the beginning of the twentieth century to the present. This influence is remarkable given the small population and relative isolation of the Nordic countries. We typically study the architecture of Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland without fully understanding the social, cultural and historical milieu from which it arose or the unique qualities of Scandinavian landscapes, climate and light that have shaped it. The purpose of this program is to provide a direct in-depth experience of the architecture of the Nordic countries. The course will combine lectures, drawing exercises, building research and urban fieldwork with extensive travel throughout Scandinavia.

The program will commence in Helsinki on June 19, 2014. We will begin with a trip around southern Finland, visiting numerous architectural sites along the way, including many significant projects by Alvar Aalto. We will spend the month of July in Stockholm, using the architecture school at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) as our base. Guest lectures and architectural site visits will supplement a series of urban fieldwork exercises in Stockholm and its environs. On July 31st we will embark on an architectural pilgrimage that will take us through southern Sweden, Norway and Denmark. The program will conclude in Copenhagen on August 12th.

Enrollment in the Architecture in Scandinavia program will be limited to 24 students. The program fee is $5500 per student, which will cover lodging, transportation on the two field trips, and program expenses. Each student will be expected to pay for their own airfare to and from Scandinavia, local travel expenses and food.

Participating in the AIS program will allow students to experience the unique social and physical characteristics of the Nordic countries. Celebrating midsummer’s eve with traditional Finnish food and a sauna on a pristine lake in the heart of Finland will mark the beginning of a rich cultural experience. Stockholm is a cosmopolitan city situated in a beautiful natural landscape. There will be ample opportunities to explore the city and its surroundings. Our final destination, Copenhagen, will provide an ideal base for further travel at the conclusion of the regular program.
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SCHEDULE

Students are expected to arrive in Helsinki on or before Sunday, June 20, 2010. The following schedule is tentative and is subject to change:

- June 19: program begins in Helsinki
- June 20 - 30: field trip - Finland
- July 1 - 31: studies in Stockholm
- Aug 1 - 11: field trip - Sweden, Norway, Denmark
- August 12: program ends in Copenhagen

FACILITIES AND LODGING

We will stay in hostels during the extended field trips in June and August. During the month of July students will be in dormitories located on the Frescati campus of the University of Stockholm. Each student will have his/her own room with shared cooking facilities. We will have access to the facilities in the architecture school at KTH for lectures, class meetings and for completing course exercises.

ELIGIBILITY

Graduate students and upper level undergraduate students in architecture, landscape architecture and urban design may apply to the program. Participants will be selected on the basis of high scholarship, academic preparation, motivation, emotional maturity, and financial responsibility. Non-UW students are welcome to apply. A maximum of twenty-four students will be admitted into the program.

COURSES AND CREDITS

Students will receive a total of 12 quarter credits for the program, distributed in three courses as follows:

ARCH 495: Architectural Studies Abroad – History and Theory [6 credits]
The program will include visits to a significant number of important architectural sites throughout Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark. These visits will be supplemented by lectures from faculty and guests who will place these buildings, landscapes and urban environments into a historical and theoretical context.

ARCH 496: Architectural Studies Abroad – Urban Fieldwork [3 credits]
During the month of July students will complete a series of urban fieldwork exercises in Stockholm. These exercises will provide students with different methods for exploring, discovering and interpreting the city. Our expectation is that this way of understanding Stockholm will influence their future ability to interpret other urban environments.

ARCH 491: Architectural Studies Abroad – Representation [3 credits]
Students will keep a sketchbook throughout the program and to add to it regularly. Sketches will be made at different scales, from annotated diagrams of urban spaces to measured detail drawings. In addition to self-initiated drawings a number of specific drawing exercises will be assigned.
FACULTY

Peter Cohan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Architecture. He received a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Washington in 1984. In 1986 he received a Fulbright Grant to study the architecture of Ralph Erskine in Sweden. He has been teaching in the Department of Architecture at the University of Washington since 1989. Professor Cohan will be in charge of the administrative aspects of the program, as well as co-teacher for all academic activities.

Jennifer Dee received her Master of Architecture from the University of Washington in 1984. She has been on the faculty of the Department of Architecture since 1984, teaching architectural design and theory. Professor Dee will be co-teacher for all of the academic activities of the program.

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Expenses include an estimated program fee of $5,500, the UW Study Abroad Fee ($300), airfare, local transportation costs, personal expenses and spending money. A round-trip ticket from Seattle to Helsinki and Copenhagen to Seattle is expected to cost between $1,200 and $1,500, depending upon when and where you buy your ticket.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Program fees will be posted to your MyUW student account and can be paid the same way that you pay tuition and other fees. Check your MyUW Account periodically for due dates.

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PREPARATION AND ORIENTATION

Participants are required to take a 2-credit preparatory seminar in spring quarter covering the geography, customs and culture of Scandinavia. The seminar will include orientation sessions on practical and operational matters as well. During the seminar students will prepare a field guide containing information about the major architectural sites we will visit on our travels.

Program participants must also attend an in-person pre-departure orientation facilitated by the UW Study Abroad Office. You must register for orientation through your online study abroad account in order to attend a scheduled session. You can visit the orientation section of the IPE website to view the current orientation schedule. Orientation must be completed prior to the enrollment deadline for the quarter that you are studying abroad.

Because English is understood and spoken by a large percentage of the population in Scandinavia there is no language requirement, however students are encouraged to acquire some knowledge of Swedish prior to the trip if possible.
FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Most forms of financial aid can be applied to study abroad. You can verify that your financial aid award will apply to your program costs by contacting the Financial Aid Office. Financial aid or scholarships awarded as tuition waivers or tuition exemptions might not apply so you will need to verify that these funds are eligible for use with study abroad by contacting the funding office.

Financial aid and most scholarships are disbursed according to the UW academic calendar (at the beginning of the quarter). If your program starts before the start of the UW quarter, your financial aid will not be available to you prior to your departure. If your program starts after the first day of the quarter, your financial aid will be disbursed at the start of the program. In either of these cases, you will have to finance any upfront costs such as airfare, health insurance and the start of your time abroad on your own. Please take this into consideration when you are making plans.

In some instances you may qualify for an increase in your financial aid award (typically in loan funds). Check with the Financial Aid Office about your options. To request a revision in your aid, you will need to submit the following paperwork to the Financial Aid Office:

1. Revision Request Form
2. Summer Application for Financial Aid
3. Budget of student expenses for your program: The UW Study Abroad Office will upload this budget to your study abroad account after a signed contract has been submitted to the UW Study Abroad Office. You can request an unofficial copy of this budget by emailing ipe@uw.edu.

Visit the Finances section of the IPE website to learn more about disbursement, revising your aid package, short-term loans and scholarships.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be completed online. The application includes a statement of purpose, three short answer questions, two faculty recommendations, and electronic signature documents related to UW policies and expectations for study abroad. Please go to the IPE study abroad website and navigate to Summer UW Programs, where you will find further information about the program and access to the online application form.

http://studyabroad.washington.edu

After completing the on-line application you may be contacted by the program faculty for an in-person interview. Once an admission decision has been made regarding your application, you will be notified by the study abroad system via email.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for completed applications is Friday, January 17, 2014. Program applicants will be notified of acceptance by February 21, 2014.
DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

The University of Washington is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, and education for individuals with disabilities. To request disability accommodation for this program, contact Disability Resources for Students at least 8 weeks in advance of your departure date. Contact info at disability.uw.edu.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

$350 of the total program fee and the $300 UW Study Abroad Fee are non-refundable and non-revocable once a contract has been submitted, even if you withdraw from the program. Students withdrawing from a program are responsible for paying a percentage of the program fee depending on the date of withdrawal. More details about the withdrawal policy are included in your payment contract. No part of the program fee is refundable once the program has begun. The date of withdrawal is considered the date (business day) a withdrawal form is received by the UW Study Abroad Office. Notice of withdrawal from the program must be made in writing by completing the following steps: 1) Provide notice in writing to the Program Director that you will no longer be participating in the program for which you have signed a contract and accepted a slot. 2) Submit a signed withdrawal form to the UW Study Abroad Office, 459 Schmitz Hall. Visit the Withdrawals section of our website for more information.

NON-UW STUDENTS

Non-UW students are welcome to apply to the program. In order to enroll you must attain non-matriculated student status with the University of Washington. This includes, securing a UW Student ID number, creating a UW email account and creating a MyUW account to pay program fees. You will be enrolled as a University of Washington student for the program and it will be your responsibility to work with your home institution to arrange for the transfer of credits earned. There is a $200 non-refundable non-matriculated student fee in addition to the program fee and non-refundable Study Abroad Fee. Please contact the International Programs and Exchanges office for further information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions or need more information about particular aspects of the program please contact Peter Cohan at pcohan@uw.edu.