

## Course Information

**Number and title:** Arch 436 - Advanced Modeling

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**Prerequisite(s):** DC2 or permission to take the course

**Text and Materials:** All course resources will be provided on the portal link below:

**Tutorials Location:** <http://www.digitallarchfab.com/arch-436-advanced-modeling-spring-2025/>

### Course description:

This course will focus on 3D modeling of complex geometric components in Architecture and design. Concepts explored will concentrate on the advancement of digital design as an iterative process. Various modeling types covered are: Parametric Modeling, Generative Modeling, Responsive Modeling and Form Finding.

- Goals:**
- Develop an in-depth understanding of NURBS Modeling
  - Use architectural and structural texts as a guide/aid for learning complex 3D modeling.
  - Create complex parametric models based on text book concepts
  - Establish a deeper understanding of parametric modeling from the Midterm, Final and weekly assignment process and completion
  - Create form found parametric models
  - Develop a better understanding of the link between Virtual and Physical

**Software:**

Rhino	<a href="http://www.rhino3d.com/">http://www.rhino3d.com/</a>
Grasshopper	<a href="http://www.grasshopper3d.com/">http://www.grasshopper3d.com/</a>
Paneling tools	<a href="http://www.grasshopper3d.com/group/panelingtools">http://www.grasshopper3d.com/group/panelingtools</a>
Mesh +	<a href="http://www.grasshopper3d.com/group/mesh">http://www.grasshopper3d.com/group/mesh</a>
Kangaroo2	<a href="http://www.grasshopper3d.com/group/kangaroo">http://www.grasshopper3d.com/group/kangaroo</a>
Weaverbird	<a href="http://www.giuliopiacentino.com/weaverbird/">http://www.giuliopiacentino.com/weaverbird/</a>
Biomorpher	<a href="https://www.food4rhino.com/app/biomorpher">https://www.food4rhino.com/app/biomorpher</a>
Chromodoris	<a href="https://www.food4rhino.com/en/app/chromodoris">https://www.food4rhino.com/en/app/chromodoris</a>
Stella 3D	<a href="https://www.food4rhino.com/en/app/stella3d">https://www.food4rhino.com/en/app/stella3d</a>
Dendro	<a href="https://www.food4rhino.com/en/app/dendro">https://www.food4rhino.com/en/app/dendro</a>
Pufferfish	<a href="https://www.food4rhino.com/en/app/pufferfish">https://www.food4rhino.com/en/app/pufferfish</a>

## Students with Disabilities Statement:

### Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy Statement

Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with documented disabilities. In order to receive accommodations, students must go through the Center for Disability Resources office. The Center for Disability Resources (CDR) is located at 3424 S. State Street, Suite 1C3-2, Chicago, IL 60616 telephone 312 567.5744 or disabilities@iit.edu.

### Reading List:

**Parametric Architecture with Grasshopper: Primer** by Arturo Tedeschi

**AAD: Algorithms Aided Design** by Arturo Tedeschi

**Grading:** Students will submit 9 Homework assignments, Midterm, and Final

Final grade is based on the four percentages below:

**10% for attendance**  
(attendance is mandatory, signing in for someone and/or 3 unexcused absences will result in a failing grade)

**20% for Homework assignments**

**30% for Midterm**

**40% for the Final**

**Please note:** attendance, completion and submission of all course work on time is the minimum requirement and does not mean that you will receive an A grade. All grades are subject to the grade judging criteria below:

### Grades are determined by judging 4 different categories:

**Legibility** - Make sure that your assignments are clear and easy to read. Use spell check (all software apps have it). Your shared folder should be neat and organized with assignment #'s labeled **Firstname\_Lastname\_A0#**.

**Composition** - In addition to being legible you should apply all the concepts of composition that you have previously learned. Some suggestions including but not limited to are: all line drawings must demonstrate good line weights, assignments should include title and drawing names, all text should be placed with good layout & scale.

**Innovation** - Expand upon the skill sets taught in the course and apply them to the assignments. Research additional learning resources found on the Internet and in Libraries. Create your own way to apply the software tools and concepts discussed in the course.

**Originality** - Assignments will weigh heavily on *Originality*. Strive to satisfy the requirements of the assignments with creative and original solutions

## Class Schedule

<b>Week One:</b> January 14	Introduction _ Interface _ Geometry Types _ Nurbs What is Rhino Grasshopper 3D? What Is Grasshopper Good For?
<b>Week Two:</b> January 21	Build a Strong Foundation in Grasshopper <b>Generating Multiple Values</b> ( Series ) _ ( Range ) _ ( Domain ) _ ( Random ) ( Graph Mapper ) <b>Generative Components</b> _ ( Patterns 01 ) ( Iso Trim ) _ ( Divide Domain 2 ) _ ( Morph Box ) ( Surface Box)
<b>Week Three:</b> January 28	Rhino 3D and Grasshopper 3D Surface Manipulation Parametric Case Study -UnStudio Burnham Pavilion Paneling Tools 2.5D, Paneling Tools 3D Point Attractor, Curve Attractor, Srf Curvature Attract _ ( Patterns 02 )
<b>Week Four:</b> February 04	Intro to Mesh Modeling _ ( Mesh + ) ( Patterns 03 ) Intro To Galapagos Evolutionary Solver  <b>Midterm Assignment posted</b>
<b>Week Five:</b> February 11	Parametric Form Finding 01 _ ( Kangaroo ) ShellStar Pavilion by Matsys Galapagos Evolutionary Solver
<b>Week Six:</b> February 18	Parametric Form Finding 02 _ ( Kangaroo ) Munich Olympic Stadium - Frei Otto Icosahedron _ Pressure _ Weaverbird Plug-in
<b>Week Seven:</b> February 25	Parametric Form Finding 03 _ ( Kangaroo ) Minimal Surfaces _ Collision

<b>Week Eight:</b> March 04	<b>Work in Class</b>
<b>Week Nine:</b> March 11	<b>MIDTERM PRESENTATION</b> <b>3D PRINT PRESENTATION</b>
<b>Spring Break:</b> March 18	<b>March 17 - 22</b>
<b>Week Ten:</b> March 25	Parametric Evolutionary Solver _ ( BioMorpher ) Parametric Mesh Subdivision _ ( Mesh + )
<b>Week Eleven:</b> April 01	Parametric Voxel Modeling _ ( Chromodoris ) <b>Final Assignment posted</b>
<b>Week Twelve:</b> April 08	Parametric Mesh Modeling _ ( Stella 3D ) Parametric Mesh Modeling _ ( Dendro )
<b>Week Thirteen:</b> April 15	Extra Parametric Tools _ ( Pufferfish )
<b>Week Fourteen:</b> April 22	<b>Work in Class</b>
<b>Week Fifteen:</b> April 29	<b>Work in Class</b>
<b>Finals Week:</b> May 06	<b>FINAL PRESENTATION</b> <b>3D PRINT PRESENTATION</b>

\*note: course syllabus & schedule are subject to change