Human-Centered Design in Architecture Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Architectural Engineering	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Master Human-Centered Design principles in architecture
2. Apply Design Thinking methodology in spatial planning
3. Integrate user experience (UX) principles into built environments
4. Develop expertise in inclusive and universal design standards
5. Understand behavioral architecture and spatial psychology
6. Apply biophilic design for wellness and sustainability
7. Use data-driven design and spatial analytics tools
8. Design for smart cities and digital urban ecosystems
9. Enhance skills in participatory and co-design methodologies
10. Incorporate accessibility and ADA-compliant design strategies
11. Explore sustainable architecture and green building frameworks
12. Strengthen empathy mapping and user journey mapping in design
13. Build capacity in future-ready adaptive and resilient architecture

Target Audience

- Architects and architectural designers
- Urban planners and city developers
- Interior designers and space planners
- Engineering and construction professionals
- Real estate developers and project managers
- Government and municipal planners
- UX/UI designers transitioning into spatial design
- Students and researchers in architecture and design fields

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Human-Centered Design in Architecture

- Principles of HCD in built environments
- Evolution from traditional to user-centric architecture
- Behavioral mapping in spatial design
- Emotional response to architecture
- Ethics and inclusivity in design
- **Case Study:** Google Campus design approach focusing on employee wellbeing and productivity

Module 2: Design Thinking for Built Environment Innovation

- Empathize–Define–Ideate–Prototype–Test framework
- Problem framing in architectural contexts
- Rapid ideation techniques
- Collaborative design workshops
- Iterative spatial prototyping
- **Case Study:** MIT Media Lab innovation space design process

Module 3: User Experience (UX) in Architecture

- Translating UX into spatial environments
- User journey mapping in buildings
- Wayfinding systems and navigation design
- Emotional UX in public spaces
- Sensory experience optimization
- **Case Study:** Apple Store retail architecture UX model

Module 4: Inclusive and Universal Design Systems

- Accessibility standards and compliance
- Aging-friendly and disability-inclusive design
- Gender-neutral and culturally adaptive spaces
- Public infrastructure inclusivity
- Equity-driven spatial planning
- **Case Study:** Oslo Opera House universal accessibility design

Module 5: Biophilic & Wellness Architecture

- Human-nature connection in design
- Natural lighting, ventilation, and materials
- Stress-reducing spatial layouts
- Wellness-oriented workspace design
- Healing environments in healthcare architecture
- **Case Study:** Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Singapore

Module 6: Smart Cities & Data-Driven Architecture

- IoT integration in built environments
- Smart building systems and automation
- Urban data analytics for planning
- Responsive and adaptive architecture
- Digital twins in city modeling
- **Case Study:** Songdo Smart City, South Korea

Module 7: Participatory & Co-Design Methods

- Community engagement techniques
- Stakeholder mapping and collaboration
- Co-creation workshops
- Feedback-driven design iteration
- Social impact architecture

- **Case Study:** High Line Park, New York City

Module 8: Sustainable & Resilient Future Architecture

- Net-zero and carbon-neutral design
- Climate-responsive architecture
- Circular economy in construction
- Disaster-resilient infrastructure
- Future-proof urban ecosystems
- **Case Study:** Bosco Verticale, Milan

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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