

Guide to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Architecture Curricula, 1866-1942 AC.0475

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Summary Information

Repository	Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Institute Archives and Special Collections
Creator	Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dept. of Architecture
Title	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Architecture curricula
Date [inclusive]	1866-1942
Extent	0.5 cubic feet (1 manuscript box, 1 flat box)
Location	Materials are stored off-site. Advance notice is required for use.
Language	English

Citation

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Architecture Curricula, AC 475, box X. Massachusetts Institute of Technology Institute Archives and Special Collections, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Historical note

The first architecture faculty member at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) was William R. Ware, appointed in the fall of 1865 to plan the curriculum of the first architecture school in the United States. Funds were supplied partly by MIT and partly from private sources for William Ware to visit Europe to examine educational programs and purchase supplies; thus classes were not held until October 1868.

In 1932 the School of Architecture was established as part of the general academic reorganization of the Institute proposed by President Karl T. Compton. It consisted of the Department of Architecture and later the Department of City Planning (now Urban Studies and Planning).

Scope and Contents of the Collection

A notable item in this collection is a document of 1866, *Outline of a Course of Architectural Instruction*, a pamphlet containing William R. Ware's early plans for an architecture curriculum in the beginning years of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The curricula collection was assembled from a variety of sources in the MIT Libraries. More complete information about classes in all years can be found in the *Annual Catalog* of the Institute.

Administrative Information

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Access note

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Massachusetts Department of Architecture reports, Institute Archives and Special Collections, AC 260.

Massachusetts School of Architecture and Planning, Architecture Education Study records, Institute Archives and Special Collections, AC 108.

Massachusetts School of Architecture and Planning, Office of the Dean records, Institute Archives and Special Collections, AC 400.

Massachusetts Department of Urban Studies and Planning curricula. Institute Archives and Special Collections, AC 377.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dept. of Architecture

Personal Name(s)

- Ware, William R. (William Robert), 1832-1915

Subject(s)

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology--Curricula.

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology--History.

Bibliography

Shillaber, Caroline. *Massachusetts Institute of Technology School of Architecture and Planning, 1861-1961: a hundred year chronicle*. Cambridge: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1963.

Collection Inventory

	Box
<i>An Outline of a Course of Architectural Instruction</i> , by William R. Ware 1866	1
Course descriptions 1883-1884	1
Catalog of the Library of the Department of Architecture 1892	1
Notes on perspective circa 1893	1
Landscape Architecture, preliminary announcement circa 1900	1
Notes on the drafting of masonry structures 1921	1
Outline of a course in land economics, Ec 85 circa 1935	1
Surveys and graphs of current and proposed curriculum 1890-1942	2