

ARCHITECTURE AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW YORK
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This course will trace the development of New York City through its architecture and will examine the history of architecture as it is reflected in the buildings of this incredibly dynamic city. Through class lectures and two walking tours, we will look at the architectural forms popular in New York from the time the city was a minor colonial settlement to its development as a great commercial and institutional center in the 19th century, through the 20th century when New York became one of the great cities of the world, and into the 21st century, as the city continues to evolve. We will discuss why various architectural developments became popular in New York and will explore what these developments mean to New York's history. We will also examine the economic, social, and cultural forces that created the physical city. The class will look at the major architectural monuments in New York's five boroughs but will also focus on the more typical vernacular buildings that reflect the needs and aspirations of the city's middle- and working-class residents.



Tourist post card for the Flatiron Building, c. 1905