

## Ray Hearn Golf Course Design Class Seminar 1

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If one is looking into learning about Golf Course Architecture, there is no need to look any further. Whether you are a Golf course enthusiast or someone trying to break into the business this is the course for you. Monthly assignments lend themselves to learning on your free time and making the best of your time doing what you are passionate about, Golf Course Architecture.

What this class reminds me of is taking guitar lessons with a teacher. Ray Hearn chooses the books in which you can reference and read. All of the books are great and having him choose what I feel are the best ones to assist you in your learning saves a lot of time. The best way to learn is to break things down into a natural progression and this class does it beautifully. People learn best when they challenge themselves by doing investigation and research. This class enabled me to challenge myself by having to back up my opinions and conclusions. With each paper a graphic was required which challenged me to see how creative I was.

By taking this class you will realize how little you thought you knew about Golf Course Architecture. I highly recommend this class to anyone who is interested in Golf, Architecture and the thought process of designing Golf courses. The biggest compliment I can give Ray Hearn is that I wouldn't change a thing about the course. With a routing competition being the final chapter, I couldn't think of a better way to finish the course. Ray Hearn has answered all my questions that I have had and I find that comforting. I can't convey how much I have learned from this seminar and I highly recommend it to anyone interested in Golf Architecture or that just has a deep passion for Golf.

Sincerely

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