WELCOME TO: ARCH 2330
BUILDING TECHNOLOGY III

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Lecture:

• Building Code, Fire Ratings and Assemblies
• Egress circulation
• Fire rated enclosures and wall types
• University plan layout
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Phoenix, AZ
NYC Department of Buildings (DOB)

The DOB administers the city's construction codes, including the building code.

Other codes include:
The Fire, Plumbing, Fuel Gas and the Mechanical Codes

the codes can be accessed on the Internet at:

Or
http://www2.iccsafe.org/states/newyorkcity/Building/Building-Frameset.html
Building codes regulate construction and this is reflected in construction documents.

In 2008 the New York City adopted an edited version of the International Building Code.
The Building Code looks at these issues:

- Occupancy types
- Construction types
- Building or floor area
- Building height
- Exits/ egress
- Building separations and shafts
- Fire protection
- Fire extinguishing systems
- Engineering requirements
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Occupancy Groups

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Occupancy Groups

A     Assembly
B     Business
E     Educational
F     Industrial
H     High Hazard
I     Institutional
M     Mercantile
R     Residential
S     Storage
U     Utility Buildings

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SECTION BC 303 ASSEMBLY GROUP A

303.1 Assembly Group A. Assembly Group A occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure or a portion thereof, excluding a dwelling unit, for the gathering together of any number of persons for purposes such as civic, social or religious functions, recreation, food or drink consumption, awaiting transportation, or similar group activities; or when occupied by 75 persons or more for educational or instructional purposes.
Exceptions:

1. A room or space used for assembly purposes by fewer than 75 persons and accessory to another occupancy shall be included as a part of that occupancy.

2. A building or non-accessory tenant space used for assembly purposes by fewer than 75 persons shall be considered a Group B occupancy.
Assembly occupancies shall include the following:

A-1
Assembly uses, usually with fixed seating, intended for the production and viewing of the performing arts or motion pictures including, but not limited to:

Motion picture theaters
Symphony and concert halls
Television and radio studios admitting an audience
Theaters
Assembly occupancies shall include the following:

A-2
Assembly uses intended for food and/or drink consumption including, but not limited to:

Banquet halls
Cabarets
Cafeterias, except as provided for in A-3
Dance halls
Night clubs
Restaurants
Taverns and bars
Assembly occupancies shall include the following:

A-3
Assembly uses intended for worship, recreation or amusement and other assembly uses not classified elsewhere in Group A including, but not limited to:

• Amusement arcades
• Art galleries
• Bowling alleys
• Cafeterias for children up to and including the 12th grade
• Classrooms and instructional rooms with 75 persons or more; such rooms with fewer than 75 persons shall be classified as Group B or E
• Community halls
• Courtrooms
Assembly occupancies shall include the following:

A-4
Assembly uses intended for viewing of indoor sporting events and activities with spectator seating including, but not limited to:

• Arenas
• Skating rinks
• Swimming pools
• Tennis courts

A-5
Assembly uses intended for participation in or viewing outdoor activities including, but not limited to:

• Amusement park structures
• Bleachers
• Grandstands
• Stadiums
Building Codes

*Construction Types*

*IA (most resistant)*
*IB*
*IIB*
*IIC*
*IID*

*IV – Heavy Timber*
*VA*
*VB (least resistant)*
Building Codes / Construction type

Protected "A" means that all structural members of a building has additional fire rated coating. Un-protected "B" means that all structural members of a building or structure has no additional fire rated.

Types I and II fire-resistive

- noncombustible materials (concrete, masonry, steel)
- substantial fire-resistance ratings (up to 3hrs)
- differences:
  - type I -- fewer height or area limits, but 2-3 hr. fire-resistance for structure;
  - type II -- substantially lower height limits; other limits on floor area and number of stories;
- less fire resistance required for type II structures means less cost.
Building Codes / Construction type

Type II A & B

- noncombustible exterior walls (masonry or concrete)
- noncombustible structural materials;
- smaller floor areas, heights, number of stories allowed (mostly 4 stories allowed).
- Type II A 1-hour fire resistance throughout
Building Codes / Construction type

Type III A, B

- noncombustible exterior walls of masonry or concrete with anything else inside;
- similar limits as Type II A, B (since exterior walls have such a high f.r.-rating);
- was known as "ordinary" construction.
Building Codes / Construction type

Type IV

- noncombustible exterior walls of masonry or concrete with certain combustible materials inside;
- minimum dimensions on wood structure: 8" min. for columns; 6x10 minimum for beams;
- no concealed ceiling spaces, etc.
- was known as "heavy timber" construction.
- Can be used in roof construction where 1-hour fire-resistance (or less) is required.
**Building Codes / Construction type**

**Type V**
- basically light wood framing;
- greatest limitations on:
  - area, heights, etc. where permitted at all.

This is the typical single-family home construction method. These buildings are built with 2x4 or 2x6 studs and load bearing walls, wood floor trusses or wood floor joist and wood roof framing.
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SECTION BC 503
GENERAL HEIGHT AND AREA LIMITATIONS

TABLE 503 ALLOWABLE HEIGHT AND BUILDING AREAS

Height limitations shown as stories and feet above grade plane. Area limitations as determined by the definition of "Area, building," per floor.

UL = Unlimited, NP = Not permitted

#### Protected "A"
means that all structural members of a building **has additional** fire rated coating.

#### Un-protected "B"
means that all structural members of a building or structure has **no additional** fire rated.
508.3.3 Separated occupancies. Buildings or portions of buildings that comply with the provisions of this section shall qualify as separated occupancies.

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**TABLE 601 FIRE-RESISTANCE RATING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING ELEMENTS (hours)**

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a. The structural frame shall be considered to be the columns and the girders, beams, trusses and spandrels having direct connections to the columns and bracing members designed to carry gravity loads. The members of floor or roof panels which have no connection to the columns shall be considered secondary members and not a part of the structural frame.

b. Roof supports: Fire-resistance ratings of structural frame and bearing walls are permitted to be reduced by 1 hour where supporting a roof only.
Table 601 specifies the required fire-resistance ratings of major building elements for the five types of construction. The fire-resistance of building elements gives occupants time to leave the building in the event of an emergency and allows firefighters time to fight the fire by retarding structural failure for a designated time period. The categories of building elements are:

- Structural frame
- Bearing walls
- Nonbearing wall requirements are noted in § 602, Table 601 and Table 602. Interior nonbearing wall and partition requirements are per Table 601. Exterior nonbearing wall requirements are per Table 602.
- Floor construction
- Roof construction

SEPARATION OF DIFFERENT OCCUPANCIES

The requirements for the fire-resistance of internal building elements are based on the theory of compartmentalization. The idea is to divide a building into distinct zones with barriers to retard the propagation and spread of fire.
FIRE BARRIERS

Fire barriers are similar to fire walls but with simpler criteria. They are used to separate vertical exit enclosures from other egress components, to separate different occupancies, or to divide a single occupancy into different fire areas. Required fire-resistance ratings for fire barriers are determined by their use. Barriers used in means of egress protection are rated per the applicable sections in Chapter 10. Occupancy separation ratings are per Table 508.3.3. Fire resistance ratings between fire areas are to be per Table 706.3.9.

- Fire barriers serve to separate vertical exit enclosures from other egress components, set apart different occupancies.

- Fire-resistance-rated glazing is permitted in fire barriers, but must be tested and listed.

- Note that walls located on the outside of the building at rated enclosures may have a different rating than the walls facing the interior of the building. Exterior-wall and opening ratings are determined by exterior criteria per § 704 in concert with the exit.
Exit or Exit Access Doorway Arrangement (1014.2.1)

- Separation required to ensure that not all exits are compromised:

![Diagram showing separation requirement for exits]

Courtesy of ICC

DOB Means of egress present by Fatma Amer
Exception 1) Where 1-hr-rated corridor is provided, measurement is along the shortest direct line of travel within the corridor.

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(1014.2.1 Exception 2) In sprinklered buildings, the separation distance can be reduced to 1/3
Measurement in a Straight Line between doors

(1014.2.1)

DIAGONAL, D

1/2 D MIN.

CENTERLINE OF DOORS

DOB Means of egress present by Fatma Amer

Courtesy of ICC
Dead Ends (1016.3)

20 feet limit in general
Exceptions for certain I-3, B, F, and R-2 occupancies

DOB Means of egress present by Fatma Amer
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For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm

a. See the following sections for modifications to exit access travel distance requirements:
   - Section 402: For the distance limitation in malls.
   - Section 404: For the distance limitation through an atrium space.
   - Section 1018.2: For buildings with one exit.
   - Chapter 31: For the limitation in temporary structures.

b. Buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2.
   See Section 903 for occupancies where sprinkler systems according to Section 903.3.1.2 are permitted.

c. Buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.
Exit access (1013)

– Begins at the furthest occupied point in a room and ends at the entrance to an exit

– The travel distance is regulated
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