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## The Art and Elegance of Veneer

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(One hour course)

AIA Course #: HAW576

IDCEC Course #: CC-101060

Subject Code: 2. Interior Design / 4. Furniture Design and Materials

### Course Description:

Wood is a natural product that combines unique variations and characteristics. It is the variations that make each piece of wood furniture a 'one-of-a-kind' piece of art. This course explores the origin and history of the development of veneer as a commercial construction material, provides an understanding of veneer's visual and structural characteristics, and examines the common challenges and pitfalls when using veneer as a material.

### Course Objectives:

- o Explore the development of veneer as a construction material
- o Discuss how the art of veneering has evolved and explore the value gained by today's technologies
- o Identify the five characteristics of veneer and how they are used to create a unique aesthetic
- o Discuss challenges and benefits to bring enhanced value to your projects

### Course Outline:

1. The development of veneer as a construction material:
  - o Origin of veneer
  - o Differences between lumber and veneer
2. How has veneering evolved and benefitted from today's technologies:
  - o Process of creating veneer
  - o Grain appearance options through processing
3. Using veneer's characteristics to create a unique aesthetic:
  - o Analyze grain structure
  - o Texture
  - o Color
  - o Assorted visual attributes
  - o Figure
4. How is value brought to a project when using veneer?
  - o Industry grading and evaluation
  - o Visual appearance through lay up
  - o Reconstituted veneer
5. Challenges and awareness:
  - o Flip
  - o Striping
  - o Aging
  - o Lighting
6. Summary and conclusions:
  - o Consistency of aesthetic
  - o Craftsmanship
  - o Value of veneer as a material
  - o Celebration of a natural material
7. Conclusion | Question & Answer