LAND4560: 2008
URBAN DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURAL THEORY
302 CALDWELL HALL
11-11:50AM

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Course Description:
The presentation of concepts central to the understanding of urban design and architecture. Includes the analysis of various theories used as a framework for the development of architectural and urban forms.

KNOWLEDGE
Demonstrate a basic understanding of selected urban design theories and issues. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the complex dynamics of urban design. Demonstrate knowledge of the processes used to assess, analyze, and propose appropriate solutions to urban design problems.

SKILLS
Demonstrate an ability to critically analyze the theoretical material presented, and be able to synthesize it into a coherent theory.

VALUES
An appreciation for diverse expressions in the urban environments. A sense of importance in creating human scaled pedestrian-friendly urban environments. A sense of the potential positive relationship between aesthetics, community values, ecological quality, and sound urban design and planning.
METHODS

Lecture: The first half of the semester (before Spring break) will be lecture/discussion format.

Project: The second half of the semester (after Spring break) will be project based.

Reading:

There is one text for the class:


This is available at the book store. If you find an earlier edition used and cheaper, many of the readings will be in it, but not all.

Any additional readings will be available on WebCT.

Quizzes:

Four in class quizzes will be presented. These will be administered without notice and will be based on readings, lectures and discussion. The lowest score of the 4 will be dropped.

Lecture Exam:

An exam on the lecture portion of the course will be given to test knowledge comprehension of the theoretical material presented. This will be right before Spring break.

Final Project:

A final project will be developed in conjunction with your studio instructor. This takes place after Spring break. More details forthcoming.
COURSE EVALUATION

The grades are determined as follows:

- Final Project: 40pts
- Quizzes 3@10pts: 30 pts
- Lecture exam: 30pts

TOTAL: 100PTS

RULES OF LECTURE CLASS

No electronic devices allowed in class (computers, cell phones, etc.)

Any disruptive behavior, including talking in class or reading newspapers etc. is prohibited.

GRADES

If you disagree with a grade given in the class, you can write a page describing why you believe your grade was not correct. This must be in a written/hard copy form. This information will be reviewed, and considered.

CONTACTING THE CLASS

This class has a WebCT site, and all information will be posted there.

If for any reason class is cancelled, I will post that information on WebCT as early in the day as possible.