Overview: This course provides an introduction to the generation of research questions, research methodologies for specific question types, and research methods appropriate to the study of “designed” environments at a range of scales. While the course will provide students with a general overview of research fundamentals, it will also cover specific methods and techniques for systematically generating data useful in programming, designing, and examining physical environments. It will also distinguish between research appropriate for professional versus academic purposes. Students will be expected to work individually as well as in teams and to engage in substantive verbal and written critique of the work presented through class readings and by classmates.

Composition of Course Grade (subject to modification):

- Weekly Assignments 35%
- Contribution to Class discussion 15%
- Midterm: in-class test 20%
- Final Notebook + Final Draft Research Proposal 30%


