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. 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):

Assign 1: Asking Questions – Team & Ind. 10% Assignment 5: Critique – Ind. 10%
Assign 2: Existing Literature – Ind. 10% Assignment 6: IRB – Ind. 5%
Assign 3: Testing Methods 1 – Team 10% Midterm: in-class test 20%
Assign 4: Testing Methods 2 – Ind. 10% Final project – Draft Research Proposal 25%


Strongly Recommended Texts:
