**PREMISE AND DESCRIPTION**

Urban Design Theory introduces seminal ideas and theoretical writings and connects them to social, political, economic, cultural and technical events and developments as they influenced architectural thought and built urban environments.

The course will include readings and field trips to facilitate discussions and allow for holistic understanding.

There will be an assignment to create an interactive website which shall facilitate comparative analysis of Chicago neighborhoods, morphology and typology, using figure grounds, aerial photographs, zoning and land use.

**Required Summer Readings:**
Rowe & Koetter, *Collage City*
Hunt and DeVries, *Planning Chicago*
Week 1 August 26
Introduction; Walk
Review Summer Readings: Go for a walk
Required Readings: Rowe, The Chicago Frame
Students are required to outline the reading for class.

Week 2 September 2
Review Rowe, The Chicago Frame - field trip: finding the Chicago frame
Required Readings: Rowe, Roma Interrotta; Peterson, Urban Design Tactics; Copper, The Figure Grounds

Week 3 September 9
Review Roma Interrotta; Peterson, Urban Design Tactics; Copper, The Figure Grounds
UD Exercises
Required Readings: Peterson, Space/Antispace

Week 4 September 16
Review Peterson, Space/Antispace
Sculpture Walk
Required Readings: Linklater, Measuring America: The Immaculate Grid; Hurtt, The American Grid

Week 5 September 23
Review Linklater, Measuring America: The Immaculate Grid; Hurtt, The American Grid
Required Readings: Dennis, Excursus Americanus

Week 6 September 30
Review Excursus Americanus
Required Readings: Mumford, The Highway and the City

Week 7 October 7
Required Readings: Mattinklott, The Way is the Goal
Review Mumford, The Highway and the City

Week 8 October 14
Required Readings: L. Kreir, Cities, Towns and Palaces; Duany & Plater Zyberk, Seaside
Review Mattinklott, The Way is the Goal

Week 9 October 21
Required Readings: Kunstler, Home from Nowhere
Review Kreir, Cities, Towns and Palaces; Duany & Plater Zyberk, Seaside
Week 10 October 28
Review Kunstler, Home from Nowhere
Required Readings: Krieger, Piranesi’s Rome and the New Jerusalem

Week 11 November 4
Review Krieger, Piranesi’s Rome and the New Jerusalem
Required Readings: Koolhaas, What happened to Urbanism?

Week 12 November 11
Review Koolhaas, What happened to Urbanism?
Project Discussion

Week 13 November 18
Project Discussion

Week 14 December 2
Project Review

Other essays will be chosen by seminar participants and may include:
Rome Interotta- Rowe, et. al.
Urban Design Tactics (from Roma Interotta)-, Steve Peterson
Space /Anti space (from Harvard Architecture Review V. 1)- Steve Peterson
Excursus Americanus (from Modulus OR The French Hotel)- Michael Dennis
The Way is the Goal (from Daedalus)- Gert Mattinklott
The Highway and the City- Lewis Mumford
The American Grid (from Thresholds)- Steve Hurtt
Home from Nowhere- James Howard Kunstler
Cities, Towns and Palaces- Leon Krier
Piranesi’s Rome and the New Jerusalem- Alex Kreiger
What Ever Happened to Urbanism? Rem Koolhaas
Urban Comparisons- Melvin Branch
Cornell Journal