The Chicago Studio, Chicago, IL - Graduate students enrolled in the “The Chicago Studio” will live and study in Chicago for the spring 2016 semester.

This studio will focus its attention on one of the City of Chicago’s northeast side neighborhoods for development. The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Red Line Berwyn Station serves the Edgewater neighborhood that includes the Andersonville and Lakewood Balmoral neighborhoods. The City of Chicago is looking for “Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) proposals that will make the area around stations pedestrian friendly. Parcels of land near the station will be selected for the design of a mixed-use, mid-rise TOD project that will include streetscape development, ground level retail, and condominium and rental units. There will be minimal parking spaces provided as the city moves to encourage its residents to use the CTA train system, walk, and bicycle in an effort to reduce the need for cars. The streetscape design along the CTA station will include a Divvy bicycle station. The new buildings will be designed to enhance the unique identity of the neighborhood. The design must evolve from research on the neighborhood needs and concerns and direct experience obtained by riding the CTA and walking the neighborhood.

Research & Analysis – (first 2 weeks and on going throughout semester = 20% of grade) Team project
- Research, describe, photograph, and analyze neighborhood, Chicago Transit Authority stations, and the surrounding building site conditions

Site Model – (1 week = 5% of grade) Team project

Pedestrian Streetscape Design – (4 weeks = 25% of grade) Team project
- Pedestrian streetscape with Divvy bicycle station area and bus stops

Apartment / Condominium building – (7 weeks schematic design & design development = 35%) Individual
- Engage in precedent analysis of Chicago housing & provide for the Chicago neighborhood condominium market and affordable rental in size and amenities.

Presentation – (2 weeks = 15%) Streetscape - Team project & Building design - Individual
- Presentation of Pedestrian Streetscape, retail space and Apartment / Condominium Buildings