

ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM (AURB)

AURB 201

The Metropolis

The architectural discourse of the city is introduced through close examination of Chicago and other major urban centers present and past. Themes include the city as a political entity, relationships between urban and architectural form, and the technical infrastructure of the metropolis. A parallel film series explores the cultural construction of urban life.

Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

AURB 465

Urbanism

This class explores urban form and systems and introduces a synthetic overview of the interdependent factors that influence the design of 21st-century cities. The course covers cities spanning the globe through case studies to expose students to a range of city-planning strategies. The course addresses contemporary urban challenges such as urban sprawl, infrastructure, and aspects of sustainability addressed in the agenda 2030 of the United Nations. Vital issues affecting contemporary architecture and urban design are addressed including globalization, technology, social engineering, the environment, and cultural politics. The course enables students to establish a broader definition of "urban" by investigating both common and distinct design strategies of divergent cities.

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