UEP 194-AC  CITIES AND URBAN DESIGN
Summer Course first session, May 20 – June 26, 2015

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Schedule:  Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Location:  Brown House, 97 Talbot Ave, Medford and various sites in Boston and Medford on walking tours and site visits.

DESCRIPTION
The course examines how cities evolved over time and what attempts continue to be made to plan them. From early settlements to today, cities have grown through trade, war, empire, migration, economic development and real estate markets. Geography, economy and public policy have shaped cities under different political regimes. Theories abound about how cities should be planned and designed, expanded or concentrated, demolished and restarted, escaped or revived. The course ends with today’s urban design concepts and movements. Students post their comments on the readings, write two short essays, and design their ideal community. Site visits and walking tours in Boston and Medford will supplement lectures to illustrate past and current urban design practices.

OBJECTIVES
The course is designed for students to:
- understand different types of cities, when they emerged, and what factors shaped them;
- see the tension between organic growth and the planning and design of cities and communities;
- become familiar with current concepts and movements in urban design;
- delve more deeply into one period in urban history and one urban design theory;
- think through, design and present their ideal community.

REQUIREMENTS
- Participation in class discussions and field trips
- Comments posted on Trunk Forum about the readings, by 11:00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 11 postings in all.
- One short essay (4-5 pages) on a type of city in history, including contemporary. Due 6/2.
- One paper (8-10 pages) and powerpoint presentation on either a Planning Movement or Ideal Community. Draft and in-class presentation on 6/18 and final due on 6/25.

GRADING
- Participation in class discussions and field trips 10%
- Comments posted on Trunk Forum about the readings, by 11:00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 11 postings in all. 20%
- One short essay (4-5 pages) on a type of city in history, including contemporary. Due 6/2. 30%
- One paper (8-10 pages) and powerpoint presentation on either a Planning Movement or Ideal Community. Draft and in-class presentation on 6/18 and final due on 6/25. 40%
### Short Syllabus

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Readings and Assignments

Thur 5/21  Introduction. Course overview.

Tues 5/26  Early cities, colonies, city republics and capitals
           Paper 1 given

       Readings for 5/26
           Ch. 1  Sanctuary, Village and Stronghold, pp. 3-28
           Ch. 4  The Nature of the Ancient City, pp. 94-118
           Ch. 9  Cloister and Community, pp. 243-280
           Ch. 12 The Structure of Baroque Power, pp. 344-374
           Ch. 13 Court, Parade and Capital, pp. 375-409

           Ch. 2  The Fountainhead. Athens 500-400 BC, pp. 24-68
           Ch. 22 The Imperial Capital. Rome 50 BC –AD 100, pp.621-656
           Ch. 3  The Rediscovery of Life. Florence 1400-1500, pp. 69-113

Thurs 5/28  19th century – the industrial city, frontier towns, romantic suburbs

       Readings for 5/28
           Ch. 10 The First Industrial City. Manchester 1760-1830, pp. 310-347

           Planned Towns of the Hispanic West, pp. 5-23
           Urbanization of Early Texas, pp. 24-38
           Frontier Settlements of the Pacific Northwest, pp. 39-50

           Ch. V  The Planned Residential Community, pp. 221-275

Tues 6/2  20th century – Howard’s Garden Cities, Wright’s Broadacre City,
           Le Corbusier’s Radiant City

       Readings for 6/2
           I. Ebenezer Howard
              Ideal City Made Practicable, pp. 23-26; Inventing the Garden City, pp. 27-39;
Design for Cooperation, pp. 40-51; Building the Garden City, pp. 64-75

II. Frank Lloyd Wright
Truth Against the World, pp. 91-96; Chicago and Oak Park, pp. 102-114; Broadacre City, pp. 122-134

III. LeCorbusier
Contrasts, pp. 163-164; Architecture or Revolution, pp. 182-187; The Contemporary City, pp. 188-204; The Plan Voisin, pp. 205-212

Thurs 6/4 Utopias and dystopias Paper 2 given

Readings for 6/4
A Short History of Twentieth Century New Towns, pp. 189-234

Ch. 3 Between Heaven and Hell, pp. 51-72

Optional, skim and use as a reference:
Brief History of American Planning and Urban Design, Part 2. powerpoint

Optional, good overview of the city in history and background for our walking tours in Boston:
Ch. 1 Form Values in History, pp.

Tues 6/9 Public spaces and tactical urbanism
Field trip: Royall House and Slave Quarters, 15 George Street, Medford

Readings for 6/9

Ch. 7 Erick Villagomez. Claiming residual spaces in the heterogeneous city, pp. 81-95
Ch. 9 Jeffrey Hou. “Night market” in Seattle, pp. 111-122
Ch. 3 To Assemble or Disperse, pp. 81-128


**Thur 6/11 Green design, urban agriculture, biophilic and resilient cities**

**Readings for 6/11**
Klein, Ezra and Susannah Locke. 2014. 40 maps that explain food in America. Vox.com
http://www.vox.com/a/explain-food-america

The Boston Public Market https://bostonpublicmarket.org/

Ch. 1 The Importance of Wildness in Our Lives, pp. 1-16
Ch. 4 Biophilic Urban Design and Planning, pp. 83-130

Ch. 3 Four Scenarios for the Future of Cities: Collapse, Ruralized, Divided or Resilient City, pp. 35-54
Ch. 4 A Vision for Resilient Cities: The Built Environment, pp. 55-85

Green Infrastructure. EPA Website.
http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/greeninfrastructure/index.cfm

Ch. 2 through 5, pp. 31-60
Trunk: New Urbanism; Graft: Agrarian Urbanism; Food Along the Transect; A Standard Development

Ch. 3 Green city design and climate change, pp. 109-157

**Tues 6/16 New urbanism and smart growth**
Walking tour: Boston Common, Public Garden, Back Bay, Copley Square, Copley Place, South End Cover SWC Park, Tent City, Villa Victoria
Readings for 6/16

Charter of the New Urbanism http://www.cnu.org/charter


Thur 6/18  Student presentations of Planning Movement or Ideal Community Draft paper due

No readings

Tues 6/23 Urban growth theories
Walking tour: Park Street, Government Center, West End Museum tour, the (ghost of) Central Artery, Boston Public Market, the Greenway from Haymarket to Chinatown, Janet Echelman sculpture.

Readings for 6/23


Ch. 1 The City as Growth Machine: Critical Reflections two Decades Later. Andrew Jonas and David Wilson, pp. 3-20
Ch. 15 Growth Machine Links: Up, Down and Across. Harvey Molotch, pp. 247-266

Thur 6/25 Global cities, megacities Final paper due

Readings for 6/25
http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/2/a096d1d0-d2ec-11e2-aac2-00144feab7de.html#axzz35DcJNAov


Ch. 1 Coming to Terms with Global Urban Expansion, pp. 2-19
Ch. 8 The Global Hierarchy of Cities, pp. 110-133
Ch. 17 Making Room for a Planet of Cities, pp. 284-306