



ARCH 571—Historic Preservation Design Studio

“Airbnb [HP]”

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Beginning in 2007, *Airbedandbreakfast.com*, commonly known as Airbnb.com, has expanded accommodations options in the hospitality industry. As more and more people have maximized their home’s potential income by renting their spare bedrooms as hotel rooms in cities and towns across the world, the Airbnb trend is now impacting historic preservation. Developers are renovating abandoned historic residences, using federal, state, and local tax credits and investment incentives to rehabilitate historic buildings and converting them into small lodging facilities.

In this design studio, students will design a rehabilitation and an addition to the I.C. Fowler House in Bristol, Virginia. Built in 1867, this Greek Revival residence is a contributing resource to the Virginia Hill National Historic District. It has the potential of providing three income producing bedrooms, a kitchen, a living room, and an entertainment room. Another two bedrooms, a catering kitchen, a dining room, and an outdoor terrace will be placed in the proposed addition.

Students will learn the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation, traditional architecture, and light frame construction in this design studio.