Studio Course:

Reimagining Infrastructure: Water Tanks as Community Assets

ARCH572: Design: Health and Wellbeing - 6 credits

ARCH574: Design: Architecture and Urban Design - 6 credits

Concentration:

Health and Wellbeing, Urbanism

This course empowers students to assume roles as researchers, designers, and curators, equipping them to navigate the complex dynamics of water access and leverage design as a catalyst for positive change. Through active engagement, investigation, and collaboration, students will explore the political, environmental, and social factors that shape current water infrastructural issues. The course consists of a series of speculative design projects that envision infrastructures for health and collectivity within Chicago's unique context.

Seminar Course:

Urban Inquiry: Chicago

ARCH576: Architectural Design Seminar - 3 credits

Concentration:

Health and Wellbeing, Urbanism

Situated in Chicago, this course offers students a unique opportunity to learn from distinguished local practitioners, engage in meaningful community conversations, conduct fieldwork, and apply research skills, fostering a comprehensive understanding of methods for engaging with the community and design strategies that promote holistic health and resilience. As part discussion series, part research collaborative, and part community engagement lab, the course will guide students in analyzing the impacts of health, well-being, social equity, and environmental justice issues.