

ARCH 576 Urban Morphology Seminar ILLINOIS SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, UIUC

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Credit: 3 hours

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Time: Tuesday 1:00PM-3:30PM

Rather than urban design, urban planning, urban studies, urban theory, or other specialized terms, urbanism identifies a broad discursive arena that combines all of these disciplines into a multidimensional consideration of the city.

Margaret Crawford in *Everyday Urbanism*

	1920	1940	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	CURRENT
FIGURE GROUND								
LAND USE								
ZONING								
AERIAL								



PREMISE AND DESCRIPTION *Urban Design Theory* introduces seminal ideas and theoretical writings and connects them to social, political, economic, cultural and technical events and developments as they influenced architectural thought and built urban environments. The course will include readings and case study projects.

Each student will select an approved city of interest and explore the city's architecture, myths/ legends, topography, politics/economics, transport, arts, egos & epochs, etc. to form an understanding of how context informs urban design and its morphology. Participants will create an interactive website which shall facilitate comparative analysis of selected cities. The faculty and students will determine the final scope and content.