



College of Architecture, Texas Tech University
Fall 2021

URBAN THEORY

ARCH 5382-002 Urban Theory: An extensive writing course exploring a comprehensive investigation from selected conceptual and philosophical topics based upon the critical relationship between culture and the urban environment.

Keywords/Topics

sustainable development; public/private; communal values; public design process; mobility, greening the city, 3-mile transect.

Tuesday_Thursday 2:00 – 3:20 pm

2 – 3:30 pm lecture/speaker & dialogue on readings

Key Dates

Aug 23	All school meeting 1:30–3:00 pm
Aug 24	Introduction/Syllabus/Schedule
Sept 6	No Class _ Labor Day Holiday
Nov 17	<u>Final Reviews Start</u>
Nov 23	Last Class for Urban Theory
Nov 24 – 28	No Class _ Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov 30	Final Paper Due (midnight)

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Observing Downtown Lubbock through the lens of Urban Theory





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City of Lubbock image

Student Learning Objectives

- The ability to see the environment as the concretization of culture, time and place.
- Understanding how climate is the dominate force in the changing environment.

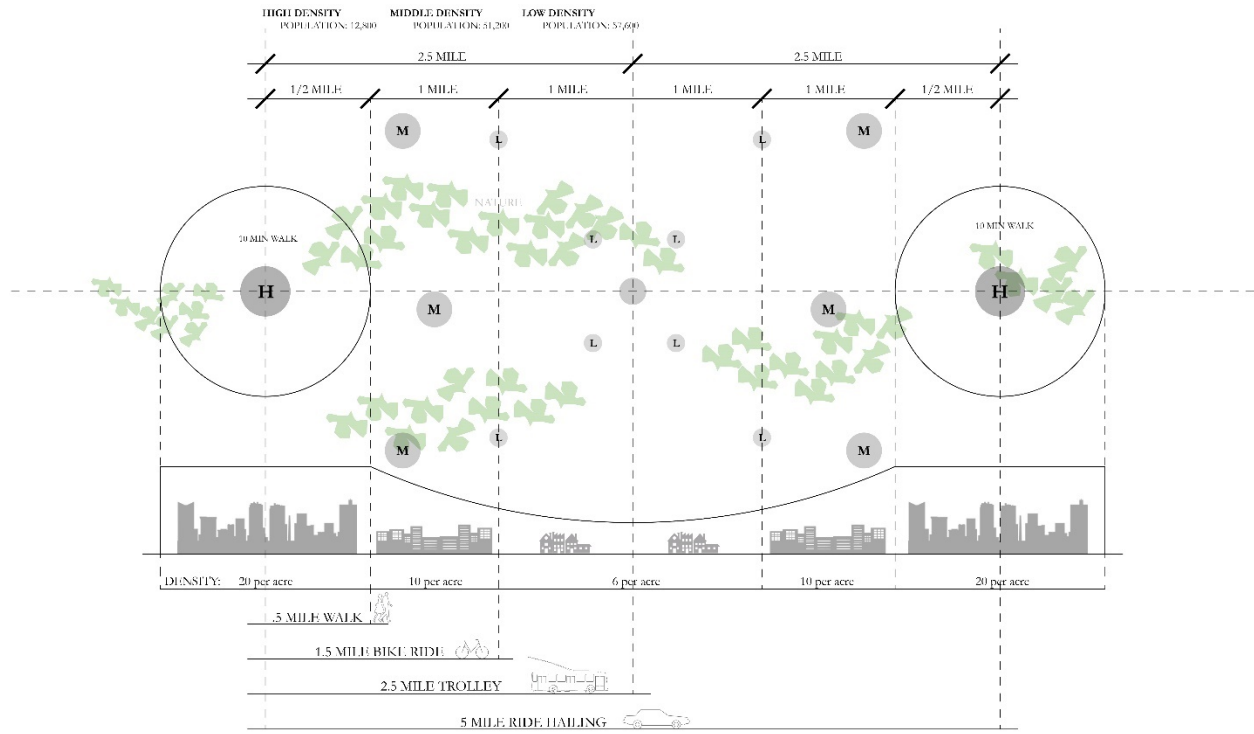
Student Performance Objectives

- The ability to use existing data bases.
- The ability to map data for enhanced understanding clarity.
- The ability to use World Café as a tool for public input.
- To understand the importance of 10-minute mobility and access in organizing cities.
- To understand the importance of greening the urban environment.
- To understand the role of zoning in determining city form.





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Means of Evaluation:

Each week is valued at 100 points for a total of 1000 points. See schedule for distribution.

Teaching Methods:

Lecture/dialogue/reading/critical thinking and writing.

Course Schedule

To be posted in the course OneDrive folder.

Attendance Policy

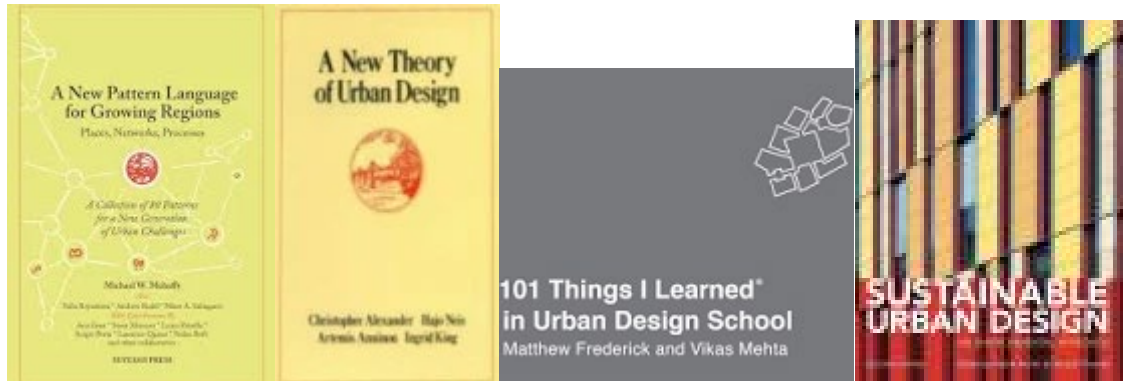
CoA policy states that > 4 absences is cause for failure. Please see the CoA Student Guidelines for Covid-19. Late work will be penalized.





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Readings



A New Theory of Urban Design/Alexander – available in the CoA Library
Urban Design/ William S. Saunders and Alex Krieger – available as an e-book
Sustainable Urban Design/Richi & Thomas – available in the Univ Library
Resilience in ecology and urban design : linking theory and practice for sustainable cities/
Steward T. Pickett 1950-; Mary L Cadenasso; Brian McGrath – online access
Josep Lluís Sert : the architect of urban design, 1953-1969 – CoA Library





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STUDENT PERFORMANCE CRITERIA (NAAB):

Realm A: Critical Thinking and Representation

Graduates from NAAB - accredited programs must be able to build abstract relationships and understand the impact of ideas based on the study and analysis of multiple theoretical, social, political, economic, cultural, and environmental contexts. Graduates must also be able to use a diverse range of skills to think about and convey architectural ideas, including writing, investigating, speaking, drawing and modeling. Students learning aspirations for this realm include:

- Being broadly educated.
- Valuing lifelong inquisitiveness.
- Communicating graphically in a range of media. Assessing evidence.
- Comprehending people, place, and context.
- Recognizing the disparate needs of client, community, and society.

A.1 Professional Communication Skills

Ability to write and speak effectively and use representational media appropriate for both within the profession and with the general public.

COVID 19 Information

Face coverings are required. Texas Tech University requires that students wear face coverings while in classes, while otherwise in campus buildings, and when social distancing cannot be maintained outdoors on campus.

Signage. Be attentive to signage posted at external and some classroom doorways that indicates entry and exit ways, gathering and queuing spaces, and availability of masks and hand sanitizer.

Seating assignments. The purpose of assigned seating is to assist in contact tracing, if necessary, and to augment social distancing. Students are expected to sit at a minimum of six feet apart. Seats in your studio will be marked as available and unavailable. A required seating chart will be created once everyone is positioned with appropriate social distancing. There will also be an orderly procedure, designed to ensure social distancing, for exiting the classroom. Please consult the Guidebook distributed at the All School Meeting for detailed information.

Illness-Based Absence Policy

If at any time during this semester you feel ill, in the interest of your own health and safety as well as the health and safety of your instructors and classmates, you are encouraged not to attend face-to-face class meetings or events. Please review the steps outlined below that you should follow to ensure your absence for illness will be excused. These steps also apply to not participating in synchronous online class meetings if you feel too ill to do so and missing specified assignment due dates in asynchronous online classes because of illness.





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1. If you are ill and think the symptoms might be COVID-19-related:

- a. Call Student Health Services at 806.743.2848 or your health care provider. After hours and on weekends contact TTU COVID-19 Helpline at 806.743.2911.
- b. Self-report as soon as possible using the Dean of Students COVID-19 webpage. This website has specific directions about how to upload documentation from a medical provider and what will happen if your illness renders you unable to participate in classes for more than one week.
- c. If your illness is determined to be COVID-19-related, all remaining documentation and communication will be handled through the Office of the Dean of Students, including notification of your instructors of the period of time you may be absent from and may return to classes.
- d. If your illness is determined not to be COVID-19-related, please follow steps 2.a-d below.

2. If you are ill and can attribute your symptoms to something other than COVID-19:

- a. If your illness renders you unable to attend face-to-face classes, participate in synchronous online classes, or miss specified assignment due dates in asynchronous online classes, you are encouraged to visit with either Student Health Services at 806.743.2848 or your health care provider. Note that Student Health Services and your own and other health care providers may arrange virtual visits.
- b. During the health provider visit, request a “return to school” note;
- c. E-mail the instructor a picture of that note;
- d. Return to class by the next class period after the date indicated on your note.

Following the steps outlined above helps to keep your instructors informed about your absences and ensures your absence or missing an assignment due date because of illness will be marked excused. You will still be responsible to complete within a week of returning to class any assignments, quizzes, or exams you miss because of illness.

If you have interacted with individual(s) who have tested positive for COVID-19:

Maintain a list of those persons and consult Student Health Services at 806-743-2911 or your primary care provider on next steps.

Do not return to class until you are medically cleared by your Health Care Provider.

