

DESIGN STUDIO III: CULMINATING PROJECT

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IN AN AGE OF ACCELERATING URBANIZATION AND EXTREME RESOURCE SHORTAGE, CITIES MUST GROW INWARD, AND THE MOST URGENT CHALLENGE FOR URBAN DESIGNERS IS TO DEVELOP MODELS FOR DENSIFICATION. THIS CULMINATION STUDIO OF THE THREE SEMESTER M.S.AUD SEQUENCE, WILL GUIDE STUDENTS THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE URBAN DESIGN PROJECT. THE SPECIFIC PROJECT SCOPE AND AGENDA IS BASED ON THE STUDENTS' INDIVIDUAL DESIGN RESEARCH. WORKING WITHIN THE THEME OF DENSIFICATION, EACH STUDENT HAS DEVELOPED AN ADVANCED RESEARCH TOPIC IN THE STRUCTURE OF A THESIS, INCORPORATING THE MATERIAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXTS OF URBAN CONDITIONS.

THE FINAL DESIGN STUDIO PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL AND URBAN RESEARCH BY GRADUATE URBAN DESIGN STUDENTS AND A DEEPENING OF THE PRIOR SPECULATIVE URBAN DESIGN INVESTIGATIONS. IT IS INTENDED THAT PROJECTS SYNTHESIZE KNOWLEDGE/ISSUES EXPLORED IN EARLIER STUDIOS. THE CLASS INVESTIGATES AND ELABORATES POWERS OF CONVICTION THROUGH ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN DESIGN, TAKING CURRENT ISSUES AS A CONTEXT IMPACTING URBAN CONDITIONS.

