

Tyler School of Art **Architecture Summer Program 2010**

The Department of Architecture is offering two 3-credit courses designed to expose students, from any related field, to two important areas of study of the built environment. The courses may be taken independently or together.

Summer Session One

Instructors: Dennis Playdon, Jason Austin, Alex Mergold



Architecture 3070 : American Space
Special topics in site/context

The course sets out to explore underlying cultural identities of landscape in the USA. The subject matter will investigate and map the characteristics of various settlements in attempt to comprehend the depth of meaning behind surface appearances. Much of the work will center on the mapping process in order to overlay comparative information. While the methods used are both graphic and narrative, students not familiar with these representative techniques will learn the basics of envisioning and recording information, and also undertake research into the topics under discussion. At base, the course will make apparent the fundamental interdependency of humankind and environment. The material offered will be studied in lecture and studio settings. As a case study, students will physically and intellectually engage a site, rich with historical and cultural layers of information, that will serve as the primary platform for their research and mapping.



Architecture 3050: Making the vernacular - Preservation through new construction
Special topics in technology

The course focuses on the study and preservation of vernacular building typologies and structures of the American farmstead. In a studio setting, students will be asked to study/ research/ investigate/ document specific local agrarian building types, their building methods and construction techniques and their functional role within farming operations. Means and methods of construction arising from research are inherently sustainable, rooted in the history of working with the landscape. This research will inform the latter part of the coursework which will be a design/build intervention on a local Mid-Atlantic farmstead. Construction of the intervention will require field work and overnight camping on the farm.

*Contact Architecture Dept. Office at **(215) 204-8813** or **(archinfo@temple.edu)** for more information regarding prerequisites and schedule.

**Courses can be taken with permission of instructors.