

Independent Study

DCP 6905

Academic Term: Summer B 2025

Class Periods and Location: Th-F, Period 2-3 (9:30 AM - 12:15 PM) RNK 106

Office Hours: Thursdays 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM or Zoom by appointment

3 Credit Hours

Instructor

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Course Communication:

The instructor is available during office hours or via e-mail at clcarrdi@ufl.edu for personal questions. Please allow 24-48 hours for a response during business hours only (M-F 8am-5pm).

For general course questions, students may ask during the live class, visit office hours, or send an email through Canvas. Please note, the Canvas email inbox is not checked as frequently as the instructor's email.

Course Description

This independent study builds on research initiated by an undergraduate class on the history of campus planning and preservation at the University of Florida. The graduate student will conduct original research in the Smathers Archives and UF Digital Collections to identify key developments, decisions, and historical narratives that have shaped the university's built environment. This work supports broader campus heritage documentation and may inform future preservation planning or interpretive projects.

- Analysis of the development and significance of the University of Florida Campus Historic District, including its inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Study of specific buildings and landmarks to understand their historical and cultural relevance. Utilization of archival materials, including maps, photographs, and planning documents, from the Smathers Archives and UF Digital Collections.
- Continuation and expansion of research themes identified in the Summer 2024 undergraduate class.

Course Pre-Requisites / Co-Requisites

There are no pre-requisites or co-requisites for this course.

Canvas

It is your responsibility to regularly check this course's Canvas site. Course readings, any lecture slides, other materials (e.g., assignment instructions), and important announcements will be provided via Canvas. All work must be submitted via Canvas unless otherwise specified during class. Grades will be posted via Canvas.

- In the case you have technical difficulties with Canvas, please contact the UF Help Desk at learning-support@ufl.edu, or (352) 392-4357 - select option 2, or go to the Ground floor of the Hub. If your technical difficulties will cause you to miss a due date, you **MUST** report the problem to UF Help Desk before the due date/time. Include the ticket number that you are given in an e-mail to the instructor to explain the late assignment due to problem with Canvas.

Types of questions that should be directed to the Help Desk:

- I cannot log into Canvas
- I have clicked on the "submit" button for my assignment and nothing is happening
- I cannot upload an assignment
- Canvas has given me an error message and I cannot submit my assignment.
- Poor internet connections cannot be accommodated with a ticket from the UF Helpdesk.
- The instructor reserves the right to accept or decline tickets from the UF Helpdesk based on individual circumstances.
- An introduction and support for the E-Learning in Canvas system can be found at: https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help/Student_Faq

Assignment Submissions in Canvas

Anytime you submit an assignment, presentation, or homework please name it as follows: mylast-name_myfirstname_assignmentname.docx or .pdf or .pptx. Assignments must be submitted online through Canvas by 11:59 pm on the due date as the file type specified. Please note: only the latest attempt will be graded.

Required Textbooks and Trips

- There are no required textbooks for this course.
- Course material will be on e-learning/Canvas, including readings, lecture slides, assignments, announcements, and grades (<https://elearning.ufl.edu/>).
- The course may include on-campus or local field trips during or outside of class hours. This will be discussed with the class beforehand.

Required Software

It is not expected that you purchase programs for this course. Programs used in this course are free and web-based.

Open Labs on Campus

If needed, access to the UF computer labs is available. All computers in the Architecture, Marston, CSE, HUB, Norman, and Weil computer labs are equipped with additional software.

<https://labs.at.ufl.edu/>

Materials and Supply Fees

Material and supply fees (M&S) are assessed for certain courses to offset the cost of materials or supply items consumed during instruction. A list of approved courses and fee information is available from the academic departments or the Schedule of Courses (UF-3.0374 Regulations of the University of Florida; Florida Statutes 1009.24). You can find more information at <https://registrar.ufl.edu/soc/>.

The total M&S for this class is \$0.

Course Presentation and Requirements

Course content is presented in PowerPoint presentations, class discussions, guest speakers, and computer lab training sessions, among others. Course requirements include participation in class discussions and training and the completion of assignments and presentations on time.

A Note on Team Work

For team assignments, you are expected to abide by the Honor Code, plus conduct yourself in the following manner:

- Be a good team member.
 - Be on time. Be respectful. Be responsive with group communication.
- Participate and contribute equally in each assignment.
 - If there are problems with group dynamics or participation/effort levels, please talk to the instructor.

Course Policies

Grading Policy

Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	S
Percent	93 - 100	90 - 92	88 - 89	83 - 87	80 - 82	78 - 79	73 - 77	70 - 72	68 - 69	58 - 67	55 - 57	0 - 54
Grade Points	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.00

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>

Attendance Policy, Class Expectations, and Make-Up Policy

Attendance is mandatory for all class sessions, including labs, discussions, and field trips. Regular attendance is crucial for effective learning and participation. Students must arrive on time and stay for the entire duration of instruction. Advance notification and documentation for any absence is required.

Failure to bring assignments, repeated lateness/early departure, and unexcused absences can result in grade reduction. More than three unexcused absences will result in the final grade being dropped one letter. You are expected to come to class on time, prepared, and ready to participate.

Late submissions of assignments are subject to a penalty unless valid, documented reasons for an extension are provided in advance. Late assignments will incur a 10% grade reduction for each day they exceed the original deadline. Extensions will only be granted under exceptional circumstances and not beyond one week past the initial deadline. Technical issues like computer malfunctions are not valid grounds for extensions. Ensure regular saving of work. Extension requests must be negotiated in advance and supported by appropriate documentation. The original deadline remains unless a new date is mutually agreed upon.

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies. [Click here to read the university attendance policies.](#)

If you notice yourself having trouble in the course, it is crucial that you see the instructor immediately. Please feel free to approach the instructor about any concerns or comments you might have about this class.

Work Product

All work produced in class is property of the University of Florida Historic Preservation Program. The instructor will keep copies of all participants' work products.

Netiquette Communication Courtesy

All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all email messages, threaded discussions, and chats. More information can be found at: https://www.cise.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/CISE_Netiquette_Guide.pdf

Class Demeanor

Students are expected to arrive to class on time and behave in a manner that is respectful to the instructor and to fellow students. Please avoid the use of cell phones and restrict eating to outside of the classroom. Opinions held by other students should be respected in discussion, and conversations that do not contribute to the discussion should be held at minimum, if at all.

In-Class Recording

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or guest lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

Student Privacy Considerations

Some class sessions may be audio-visually recorded for students in the class to refer back and for enrolled students who are unable to attend live (with proper absence documentation). In the event that a Zoom session is offered, students who participate with their camera engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image recorded, be sure to keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who un-mute during class and participate orally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If you are not willing to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live. The chat will not be recorded or shared. When class is not being recorded it is expected that all students will have their cameras on and communicate orally. As in all courses, unauthorized recording and unauthorized sharing of recorded materials is prohibited.

If recording occurs in the classroom, the same above applies. It will be announced to the class beforehand if it will be recorded and you may tell the instructor then that you do not wish to be in the recording. A place to sit out of camera view will be provided.

In the event that photographs are taken while in class or on a field trip, permission will be asked before by the instructor of all students. If you do not want to be photographed, you will be kept out of frame.

UF Policies

University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Conduct Code specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. [Click here to read the Conduct Code](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor in this class.

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center. [Click here to get started with the Disability Resource Center](#). It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: <https://registrar.ufl.edu/ferpa/>

Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluer.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

Campus Resources

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit [U Matter, We Care website](#) to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.

Counseling and Wellness Center: [Visit the Counseling and Wellness Center website](#) or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.

Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or [visit the Student Health Care Center website](#).

University Police Department: [Visit UF Police Department website](#) or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; [Visit the UF Health Emergency Room and Trauma Center website](#).

GatorWell Health Promotion Services: For prevention services focused on optimal wellbeing, including Wellness Coaching for Academic Success, visit the [GatorWell website](#) or call 352-273-4450.

Basic Security Needs

Any student who is facing challenges securing food or housing is urged to contact the Dean of Students for support. Please do not hesitate to contact the instructor for additional assistance in the event that these external stressors are also affecting your performance in the course.

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support: Contact the [UF Computing Help Desk](#) at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.

Career Connections Center: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services.

Library Support: Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352-392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.

Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

Student Complaints On-Campus: [Visit the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code webpage for more information](#).