

Landscape Architecture Community Design Studio- LARC 2550-002

Term- Important Dates:

1/10- Class Begins

1/15- Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

1/17- Last day to register or add a class or declare audit

1/24- Last day to drop or withdraw from the University without a W grade

1/31- Last day to apply for May commencement

3/01- Last day for instructors to issue midterm evaluations

3/15- Last day to drop a class or withdraw from the University without a final grade

3/18-3/22- Spring Break

4/06-4/13- Honors and Awards Week

4/08- Registration for summer and fall terms begins

4/22- 4/26- Studio Reviews

4/29- 5/03- Examinations

Class Meeting Time and Place:

Lee III Studio- MW 1:30-5:30; F 1:30-4:30

Time to Wait:

Students must wait 15 minutes before leaving if professor does not arrive.

Information on Modality:

In-person

Instructor Name:

Matt Nicolette

Instructor Email:

mlnicol@clemson.edu I will do my best to return emails within 24-48 hours.

University Office Phone:

512-585-7984 (cell)

Office Address/Office Number:

Lee Hall II-139

Office Hours:

Drop-In: Tues. and Thurs.: 11:00am-Noon

By appointment: In-person and virtual

Undergraduate Catalogue – Description:

The undergraduate course catalogue describes this course as a: “Studio focused on the study and design of communities and public spaces. Students explore multicultural, historical and ecological layers of community, as well as the role of landscape management and the creative design process to add new dimensions of meaning to these places.”

Course Overview:

Community design focuses on the creation and management of environments for people. This process promotes change to the built environment from the neighborhood to regional scale, and aims to meet community needs through participatory decision-making at all levels. Community design helps to establish active partnerships with community residents and institutions, to advocate and develop strategies for improving quality of life. A commitment to diversity and listening to the different voices in a community are core values of community design.

In this studio, students will use previously acquired design + planning knowledge and skills to address a design problem that is relevant to one or more communities. Students will use a participatory design process to address the design problem. The goal of the studio is to learn how to utilize design as a pathway for helping others positively and successfully navigate the intersection between community and built environment.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, each student will be able to:

- describe key theories of community design
- describe key applied works of community design and why they are important
- explain the meaning of “communal landscape” within landscape architecture
- analyze and comprehend the need for well-conceived community design including what constitutes such design
- demonstrate a planning and design process that results in effective community design
- analyze key data from inventory and analysis exercises significant to a particular community design and integrate it into the planning and design process
- analyze key data from stakeholder engagement workshops

Required Materials

Required Text:

Foundations of Landscape Architecture- available online through Clemson Libraries.

Booth, N. (2011). Foundations of Landscape Architecture. In *Foundations of Landscape Architecture*. John Wiley & Sons, Incorporated.

Required Materials:

- Architectural and Engineering Scales
- Calculator
- Tracing paper
- A range of pen thicknesses and pencil types
- 3D model making materials
- Computer
- Autocad, Adobe Suite, Sketch-up

Learning Environment:

- The course will be taught through lectures, videos, design exercises and assignments, physical modeling, fieldwork, and research assignments.
- Students will be expected present work, work collaboratively, and contribute to class discussions and critique.
- Students will be expected to work outside of class to complete the desired outcomes.

Studio Culture: To achieve excellence the following objectives are essential.

- To develop an open and supportive studio culture, which fosters enthusiasm, critique, creativity, and respect.

- To foster critical thinking and dialogue between peers as an effective design resource.
- To create an environment which encourages individual exploration, research, and initiative.

Site visits: We will have **required** site and field visits that follow university safety protocols.

Topical Outline:

See weekly schedule

Major Assessment/Grading Activities:

Grade evaluations will be based on consistent, high-quality work over the entire semester. Students will be evaluated on their timely and thorough completion of assigned work, the depth of their exploration and consideration in undertaking it, and their level of professional competence in presenting it.

Exercises, Participation, Attendance	10%- 100 points
Assignments (graded)	30%- 300 points
Project 1	20%- 200 points
Project 2	40%- 400 points
Total	100%- 1000 points

Course Feedback

Students will receive feedback through formal grades as well as desk critiques. Students will be given progress reports and the opportunity to discuss the report with the professor at the mid-term of the semester and two weeks before the final project is due.

Grading System:

A Excellent

The work reflects significant depth of understanding of the assignments, to their full potential. The problems have been both fully developed and communicated exceedingly well graphically, three dimensionally and orally. The work illustrates a mastery of comprehension and application of the concepts covered. This means outstanding work exceeding project expectations, exceptional. The student has worked diligently throughout the entire semester, has consistently been prepared for studio with new

work, and has completed all assignments throughout the semester with excellence and on time.

B Very Good to Good

The student has exceeded the minimum requirements of the assignment, and has shown an above average understanding of its intent and focus. The work demonstrates thorough exploration, development, and execution, including good craftsmanship. All design work is communicated exceedingly well graphically; three dimensionally and orally shows a good standard of craftsmanship. This means above-average work. The student has worked diligently throughout the entire semester, has been prepared for studio with new work at most class sessions, and has completed assignments throughout the semester at a high level in a timely manner.

C Average to Mediocre

The minimum requirements of the assignment have been met. The work lacks depth of understanding or development. The overall product exhibits little imagination or innovation, or does not provoke comment. The student has not worked diligently throughout the entire semester, has not been prepared for studio with new work at most class meetings, and has not completed assignments throughout the semester at a high level. Assignments have been late. Design work meets the requirements of the assignments and problems have been solved adequately, but the solutions lack depth of complete understanding and development. The work is not communicated well graphically; three dimensionally, orally and shows a lack of craftsmanship. The overall work demonstrates skills appropriate for this level. This means average, acceptable work.

F Poor or Unacceptable

The work has not met minimum requirements. The work is incomplete and/or poorly portrayed. The solutions to problems evidence a lack of understanding and skills appropriate to this level, and a general lack of effort in fulfilling assignments. This means unacceptable work and the student must repeat course to get credit.

I (Incomplete) The work is incomplete due to extraordinary circumstance

An I can only be given to a student for work that is incomplete due to dire and uncontrollable circumstance(s) that have strictly prohibited the work from being completed, such as an extended medical condition. Any situation responsible for consideration of granting an I must be fully documented by the student and approved by the instructor. Completion of incomplete work must be done in accordance with University regulations; not completing work on time may result in an F grade.

If you wish to dispute a grade, for any reason, you must submit your argument for why the grade is not an appropriate reflection of your effort to me, in writing, for my consideration. You must submit this promptly after the grade is given.

For the Graduate School policy on incomplete grades, see
<http://www.clemson.edu/graduate/students/policies-procedures/index.html>

Grading Policies:

The professor will try to return all work within 1 weeks' time. It is within the professors' discretions to curve grades and offer extra credit.

If you wish to dispute a grade, for any reason, you must submit your argument for why the grade is not an appropriate reflection of your effort to me, in writing, for my consideration. You must submit this promptly after the grade is given.

Late Work:

Late work will be accepted and evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Late work will result in a loss of 5% points for class day late.

Absences:

Students are expected to attend all scheduled sessions, do all assigned readings and actively participate in class discussion. More than three un-excused absences will result in a reduction of the final course grade by up to one letter grade. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class. If you are not present when roll is called you will be considered absent. All work is to be handed in at the designated time.

Notification of Absence:

Please make an absence request as soon as you are aware of the potential absence. Email and Canvas are appropriate. (See canvas protocol below)

The **Notification of Absence module in Canvas** allows students to quickly notify instructors (via an email) of an absence from class and provides for the following categories: court attendance, death of immediate family member, illness, illness of family member, injury, military duty, religious observance, scheduled surgery, university function, unscheduled hospitalization, other anticipated absence, or other unanticipated absence.

The notification form requires a brief explanation, dates and times. Based on the dates and times indicated, instructors are automatically selected, but students may decide which instructors will receive the notification. This does not serve as an "excuse" from class. It is a request for an excused absence and students are encouraged to discuss the absence with

instructors, as the instructor is the only person who can excuse an absence. If students are unable to report the absence by computer, they may reach the Office of Advocacy and Success. Students with excessive absences who need academic or medical assistance can also contact the Office of Advocacy and Success.

Inclement Weather or Emergency:

Any exam that was scheduled at the time of a class cancellation due to inclement weather will be given at the next class meeting unless I contact you otherwise. Any assignments due at the time of a class cancellation due to inclement weather will be due at the next class meeting unless I contact you. And any extension or postponement of assignments or exams must be granted by me via email or Canvas within 24 hours of the weather-related cancellation.

Syllabus Changes

The attached course calendar shows the proposed schedule; the instructor reserves the right to make changes in the syllabus or calendar throughout the course as it may become necessary.

Standard Academic Policies

Academic Continuity

Clemson has developed an Academic Continuity Plan for academic operations. Should university administration officially determine that the physical classroom facility is not available to conduct classes, class will be conducted in a virtual (online) form. The university issues official disruption notifications through email, website, text notification and social media. When notified, use one of the following links to navigate to Clemson Canvas where you will find important information about how we will conduct class:

- Primary access link: <http://www.clemson.edu/canvas>
- Secondary access link, if needed: <https://clemson.instructure.com/>
- You can also use the Canvas Student App. [Visit the downloads page](#) for this app.

Course activities will be facilitated through Canvas.

Academic Integrity

As members of the Clemson University community, we have inherited Thomas Green Clemson's vision of this institution as a "high seminary of learning." Fundamental to this vision is a mutual commitment to truthfulness, honor, and responsibility, without which we cannot earn the trust and respect of others. Furthermore, we recognize that academic dishonesty detracts from the value of a Clemson degree. Therefore, we shall not tolerate lying, cheating, or stealing in any form.

All infractions of academic dishonesty by undergraduates must be reported to Undergraduate Studies for resolution through that office. In cases of plagiarism instructors may use the Plagiarism Resolution Form.

Additionally, for undergraduate classes:

Plagiarism, which includes the intentional or unintentional copying of language, structure, or ideas of another and attributing the work to one's own efforts. Graded works generated by artificial intelligence or ghostwritten (either paid or free) are expressly forbidden.

See the [Undergraduate Academic Integrity Policy](#) website for additional information and [the current catalogue](#) for the policy.

For graduate students, see the current [Graduate School Handbook](#) for all policies and procedures.

Accessibility

Clemson University values the diversity of our student body as a strength and a critical component of our dynamic community. Students with disabilities or temporary injuries/conditions may require accommodations due to barriers in the structure of facilities, course design, technology used for curricular purposes, or other campus resources. Students who experience a barrier to full access to this class should let the instructor know and are encouraged to [request accommodations](#) through SAS (Student Accessibility Services) as soon as possible. To request accommodations through SAS, please see this link:

(<https://www.clemson.edu/academics/studentaccess/register.html>). You can also reach out to SAS with questions by calling 864-656-6848, visiting SAS at the ASC Suite 239, or stopping by the office as a drop-in appointment.

The Clemson University Title IX Statement Regarding Non-Discrimination

Clemson University is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, pregnancy, national origin, age, disability, veteran's status, genetic information or protected activity in employment, educational programs and activities, admissions and financial aid. This includes a prohibition against sexual harassment and sexual violence as mandated by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. This [Title IX policy](#) is located on the Access and Equity website. Ms. Alesia Smith is the Clemson University Title IX Coordinator, and the Assistant Vice President of Equity Compliance. Her office is located at 223 Brackett Hall, 864-656-3181 and her email address is alesias@clemson.edu. Remember, email is not a fully secured method of communication and should not be used to discuss Title IX issues.

Clemson University aspires to create a diverse community that welcomes people of different races, cultures, ages, genders, sexual orientation, religions, socioeconomic levels, political perspectives, abilities, opinions, values and experiences.

Emergency Preparation

Emergency procedures have been posted in all buildings and on all elevators. Students should be reminded to review these procedures for their own safety. All students and employees should be familiar with guidelines from [Clemson University Public Safety](#).

Clemson University is committed to providing a safe campus environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. As members of the community, we encourage you to take the following actions to be better prepared in case of an emergency:

1. Familiarize yourself with all possible exits, safer locations, and other key information on the emergency evacuation maps in this building, and those that you visit regularly.
2. Make a plan for how you would Run, Hide, and Fight in case of an [active threat](#) in this building, and those that you visit regularly. For example:
 - a. Run – what are all the possible exits in this building, and the routes to them?

- b. Hide – what are the potential hiding locations in this room and building that are out of sight of doors and windows, how do you lock the door(s), how would you barricade the door(s) and windows, where do you turn off the lights?
 - c. Fight – What tools are available in this room and building, should you have to fight?
3. Ensure you are signed up for [emergency alerts](#). Alerts are only sent when there is a potential threat to safety, a major disruption to campus services, and once-monthly tests.
4. Download the [Rave Guardian app](#) to your phone. (<https://www.clemson.edu/cusafety/cupd/rave-guardian/>)
5. Learn what you can do to [prepare yourself](#) for the hazards that affect our locations. (<http://www.clemson.edu/cusafety/EmergencyManagement/>)

UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND STUDENT SUPPORT

Student Support



ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

The [Academic Success Center](#) (ASC) offers a variety of free learning and success services for all undergraduate students that are designed to equip students with strategies and resources they can use to become a more confident, independent and skillful learner.

LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES

- [Peer Tutoring](#) – students can expect a 1:1 meeting with a trained undergraduate peer leader (who made an A or B in the course and was recommended by a faculty member) during which the student can share specific questions they have about course content with the tutor focused on helping the student, through questioning techniques and identification of helpful learning strategies, master course concepts. Tutors do not help with homework or other class assignments. (Linked to a course)
- [Peer-Assisted Learning \(PAL\)](#) – students can expect collaborative and active group learning and study sessions focused on mastery of course content and learning strategies that are facilitated by a trained undergraduate peer leader (who made an A or B in the course and was recommended by a faculty member). PAL leaders do not help with homework or other class assignments. (Linked to a course)

- [Academic Coaching](#) – students can expect a 1:1 meeting with a trained professional academic coach during which the coach helps students see themselves, their skills, and their study habits from a fresh perspective through one-on-one sessions focused on learning and personal success strategies.
- [Success Strategy Workshops](#) – students can expect 30 - 45-minute workshops on college success skills, time management and organizational skills, test-taking strategies, study strategies, finals preparation, life skills, and academic resources.

CAMPUS LOCATION

The Class of 1956 Academic Success Center building is in the center of campus adjacent to Cooper Library and the Watt Family Innovation Center.

INCLUSION STATEMENT

The Academic Success Center exists to inspire success in every student who participates in our programs and services. Celebrating and honoring the diversity of our students, faculty, and staff is at the core of inspiring success and a sense of belonging. The diversity of our Clemson community comes in many forms, but inclusion comes in only one form – when each member of our community experiences a real sense of belonging. We, the ASC staff, are committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive experience at the Center. We affirm that our goal of creating and delivering welcoming, inclusive, and equitable student learning experiences at the Center requires our active and ongoing commitment to listening and learning through engagement in professional development opportunities and confronting and dismantling inequalities. We acknowledge that this will be an ongoing work in progress and pledge to strive for continuous improvement.



[Academic advising](#) is an ongoing educational process that connects the student to the University. Academic advising supports the University's mission of preparing the student for learning beyond the confines of the academy. Academic advisors represent and interpret University policies and procedures to the student and help the student navigate the academic and organizational paths of the institution.



Do you need library sources but don't know where to start? Do you need to search for a book, article, or data to support your research or paper? Not sure how to cite a source properly in your bibliography? Don't spend hours searching on your own -- ask a librarian! Help is available in person at each of our locations: Cooper Library, Gunnin

Architecture Library (in Lee Hall), and the Education Media Center (in Tillman Hall). You can also chat with a librarian live from our [website](#), or text 864.762.4884. The Libraries also have a list of helpful [online course guides](#) for dozens of subject areas that can help you find articles, databases, books and more.

Extended research assistance with librarians who specialize in subject areas is available by appointment. A list of librarians and their areas of expertise are listed on the [subject librarians](#) page. For assistance with digital and hands-on creative projects, the Adobe Studio and Makerspace is located on the 5th floor of Cooper Library and is staffed with experts who can help turn your creative ideas into reality. The [Scholar's Lab](#) on the 4th floor of Cooper provides support for data visualization, data analysis, and digital research methods. And don't forget about the Libraries [textbook lending](#) and [technology lending](#) programs. Check out the Libraries' web page for upcoming workshops and other events.

COOPER LIBRARY AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you are having hardware or software problems, CCIT's Service Desk may be able to help you. Contact them by emailing ITHELP@clemsont.edu, calling or texting (864) 656-3494, or starting a live chat at ccit.clemsont.edu. The help desk is located on the 2nd floor of Cooper Library.

GRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS RESOURCES

The Graduate School maintains a [collection of grad student resources](#) applicable to graduate students for professional development, governance, the handbook, and thesis/dissertation resources). It has resources regarding education, student life, and health and safety as well.



Election Dates

U.S. local elections are facilitated through state and county municipalities. Students attending college may register to vote at their local campus addresses or choose to remain registered or register at their permanent or home address. The nonpartisan [ClemsonVotes coalition](#) has compiled information for all students on state-by-state voter registration: <https://www.campusvoteproject.org/state-student-voting-guides>.

Voter registration differs by states but the registration deadlines in South Carolina are no fewer than 30 days prior to an election. In SC in 2024, we will have a Democratic Presidential Primary on Feb 3, 2024, a Republican Presidential Primary on Feb 24th, 2024 (tentative), a National Primary on June 11th, 2024 and the National Election on November 5th, 2024!



MICHELIN CAREER CENTER

[The Michelin® Career Center](#), in the Center for Career and Professional Development, assists undergraduate and graduate students in selecting appropriate fields of study, learning effective job searching strategies, and making connections with employers. Career counselors are available to meet with students to explore career or educational options, develop résumés and cover letters, hone interviewing techniques, conduct searches for internships and full-time jobs, and ready themselves for interviewing with employers.

In addition, students may utilize [ClemsonJobLink](#), a job board specifically designed for Clemson students. ClemsonJobLink is a central place for employers to post part-time and full-time jobs, internships, on-campus interviews, and events. The Center's goal is to equip students with the skills and tools to find part-time jobs and internships, as well as full-time jobs post-graduation. Additional information can be obtained from the [Career Center's website](#) or by calling 864-656-6000.

THE CENTER'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This program brings together students and employers to facilitate academically enriching and mutually beneficial work experiences. This program offers on-campus, off-campus and international internship options. Students may participate in either part-time or full-time internships.

UPIC: University Professional Internship and Co-op

The University Professional Internship and Co-op (UPIC) Program offers students on-campus professional learning experiences. Students have the opportunity to work with Clemson faculty and staff on Clemson's main campus, as well as other sites across the state, while receiving an academic internship notation on their transcripts. Enrollment in the appropriate INT course and payment of the corresponding fee is a requirement of the program

(e.g. INT 1510). In order to be eligible for the program, a student must have completed at least one full semester at Clemson University and be an enrolled and matriculating undergraduate student in good standing. Available internships are typically listed in ClemsonJobLink halfway through the semester prior to the experience. Additional information is available at <http://career.clemson.edu> or by calling the program office at 864-656-0282.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

The Cooperative Education Program (or Co-op Program) is a rigorous engaged-learning program designed to provide students with the opportunity to learn under a mentor in their field of study. Companies partner with the program to host the co-op student for two, three or more rotations and this in-depth learning experience becomes an integral part of the student's education. The co-op student's experience is monitored and evaluated by the faculty and academic staff of the Co-op Program. Co-op students are paid by the host company. Students enroll in the program and begin the matching process at the beginning of the semester. For more information, contact the program office at 864-656-3150 and speak with a co-op advisor.

Military & Veteran Engagement

Clemson University values veterans and military-connected students and is proud to offer individualized support through Military & Veteran Engagement (M&VE). Please email veteran@clemson.edu or call 864-656-2982 for additional information about campus and community resources, to connect with other veterans and military-connected students, or for assistance transitioning to campus life. Visit the M&VE resource center currently located in 108 Vickery Hall for additional assistance, amenities, and opportunities.

M&VE website: <https://www.clemson.edu/studentaffairs/veterans/>.



REGISTRAR

[The Registrar's office](#) provides information about important deadlines, degree and program requirements, and other key information, including use of iROAR to add, drop, or withdraw from courses.

STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES: Accessibility Statement

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accommodations through SAS, please see this link:

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STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESOURCES

[Student Health Services](#), located within Redfern Health Center and commonly called “Redfern”, strengthens Clemson University by providing quality medical and mental health care and advocating for the health, safety, and well-being of the campus community. Student Health Services strives to be an innovative health care system providing integrated, high-quality services that are responsive to the needs of the University community.

For information on who to contact for help in a crisis situation, visit [the Student Health contact page](#) and the [emergency/crisis page](#) for getting help.



CAPS: COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

At Counseling and Psychological Services ([CAPS](#)), you are encouraged to be an active participant in your medical and mental health care. Which service is the right one for you hinges on your individual need, and CAPS will help you figure that out.

CAPS is committed to educating students, as well as offering outreach services to faculty and staff members in order to improve the quality of their interactions with students and to promote a healthy work environment.

Students seeking services should call CAPS reception at 864-656-2451 during business hours (8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). Counselors will be available to conduct a brief phone screen to determine the best way to serve your needs. Other resources available online include an [online mental health screening](#) and Therapy Assist Online ([TAO](#)) for access to self-help materials.



WRITING LAB

Clemson University’s Writing Lab offers free one-on-one writing support for undergraduate and graduate students. Available appointments include in-person and virtual options. Students can seek support at any stage of the writing

process, from brainstorming to final revisions. Arrangements can be made for group appointments and NDA-safe environments are available. Visit the [Writing Lab's website](#) for more information about their services or to make an appointment. Please note that the Writing Lab is located on the third floor of Cooper Library.



THE PAW PANTRY

The Paw Pantry is an on-campus food pantry and resource center available to Clemson University students free of charge, no questions asked. Non-perishable foods, school supplies, hygienic supplies, and household items are available. Paw Pantry is currently located at Surrine Hall, Room 233. The hours of operation can be found [here](#). If interested in utilizing the pantry, donating, or volunteering please visit our [website](#), email pawpantry@clemson.edu or follow on Instagram @cupawpantry. Contact person is [Kate Radford](#) at 864-656-2535.