In the course we will discuss human health and well-being issues as they relate to the quality of the urban environment and rethink the ways communities are planned, designed and constructed. We will review related literature and evolving evidence-based measures that guide health promoting community design.

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May be of interest to students in Landscape Architecture, Design Studies, Population Health Sciences, Environmental Studies, Urban and Regional Planning, Community and Environmental Sociology, Geography and advanced undergraduate students.

KEY WORDS
history of health and environment
global to local issues
public space and place making
architectural rating systems
community involvement
everyday environment
active transportation
walk- and bikeability
access to healthy food
the experiential environment
access to nature
biophilic design
EHRs, Census and health geography

Lectures, student-lead discussions, fieldtrips, reading summaries, research papers

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