

COURSE SYLLABUS (DRAFT)
UAP 5624 Urban Design Seminar:

Urban Design Review
Summer 1 2008

Course Information

Time: Friday, May 30 5-9 PM

Saturday June 21 9 AM-5 PM

* Attendance at one meeting of a public design review body is also required

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This 2-credit course will cover the theory and practice of urban design review; it is appropriate for planners, architects and landscape architects.

Among the topics covered will be:

- Legal basis for design review
- National trends in design review, including form based codes
- Various types of design review: urban design review; historic preservation; and special districts
- The design review process: staff review and public meetings
- The unique design review procedures of the nation's capital
- Design guidelines: determining character-defining features of buildings and districts and communicating them to the public

The Friday session will consist of a lecture and discussion that lays the groundwork for the course. Over the next few weeks, students will complete two assignments:

- 1) An analysis of two blocks of an urban environment and formulation of appropriate design guidelines (7-10 pp.)
- 2) An analysis of a public design review meeting, selected from several proposed by the professor (5 pp.)

On Saturday the 21st, students will present and discuss their two assignments and we will also spend part of the day on a field trip. There is no assignment after the 21st.