

HART 1001.01 Preparing for Immersive Experiences: Researching the Built Environment
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W 3:10-5:10pm (one 50-min. session: 1/11; six weekly 2-hour-sessions: 1/18-2/22)

This seminar will introduce the basic tenets of the proposed Immersion Vanderbilt program and approach discipline-specific responses and opportunities to develop creative and independent projects during a student's four years at Vanderbilt. By introducing the general concept of immersion and then by grounding immersive experience within the disciplines, students in this seminar will have opportunities to engage, to question, and to forge change. Students in this seminar will work with a faculty seminar director to identify experiences and projects that could well shape them for the rest of their lives.

This specific seminar will focus on the process of researching the built environment, which is the concern of several disciplines, including architectural history, urban planning, sociology, and others. Our particular focus will be on urban plans and the buildings that fill them out. We will consider how we analyze visually the elements of the city and then complement that investigation by exploring sources for finding how the built environment developed. Among the myriad forces that shaped civic development, we will look at urban theory and sociology, political theory, architectural style, real estate market forces, and the concept of the "city as a work of art."