School of Building Construction

College of Architecture Georgia Institute of Technology

BC 6375: TRENDS AND POLICIES IN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Course Objectives

To introduce students to:

- the history of residential land use patterns in the United States;
- current trends in residential development and engage them in dialogue about the impact of residential development; and
- how local government regulates and creates policies that shape residential development.

Course Procedure and Organization

The course will include lectures, guest speakers and class discussions based on reading materials.

Week	Date	Lecture Topics
1	5.16	Introduction to Course Where We've Been
2	5.23	Where We Were Where We Are
3	5.30	Memorial Day Holiday*
4	6.6	Local Government Regulations The Politics Behind Growth
5	6.13	Private Property Rights Exclusionary Zoning
6	6.20	Midterm Exam
7	6.27	Smart, Sustainable Development Residential Urban Design
8	7.4	Independence Day Holiday*
9	7.11	Class Presentations: Local Government Analysis Protecting Our Environment
10	7.18	Housing Choice Visitability Universal Design
11	7.25	Residential Infill Development Redevelopment
12	8.1	Final Exam

^{*} Since students will miss two sessions of class as a result of official school holidays, assignments will be distributed.

Required Readings

- Kenneth Jackson, Crabgrass Frontier: The Suburbanization of the United States
- Bernadette Hanlon, Once the American Dream: Inner-Ring Suburbs of the Metropolitan United States
- Various excerpts from books, journals and articles (available at the bookstore)

Course Requirements

Course Requirements	Percentage Value
Class Participation and Attendance	10%
Midterm Exam	25%
Literature Review	15%
Local Government Analysis	25%
Final Exam	25%

