Course Description:
Design and presentation of complex urban developments and multistory structures in an urban context.

Course Goals & Objectives:
AAE 771 is a studio course that develops and refines design-thinking skills through the use of research assignments, analysis of project specific site and programmatic criteria, site development strategies, building conceptual design, and architectural systems development. Within the framework of the assigned project, students will also learn and demonstrate knowledge and applications of Accessibility, Sustainability, and Life Safety issues and concerns. An emphasis will be placed on computer applications and modeling as advanced methods of analysis, design and documentation. Both physical and digital models will be utilized to ascertain spatial qualities of specific building design proposals.

Student Performance Criteria:
B.1. Pre-Design
B.2. Site Design
B.3. Codes and Regulations
B.5. Structural Systems
C.2. Integrative Evaluations & Decision-Making Design Process
C.3. Integrative Design

Pre-Design: Students will be able to prepare a comprehensive program for an architectural project that includes an assessment of client and user needs; an inventory of spaces and their requirements; an analysis of site conditions (including existing buildings); a review of the relevant building codes and standards, including relevant sustainability requirements, and an assessment of their implications for the project; and a definition of site selection and design assessment criteria.

Site Design: Students will be able to respond to site characteristics, including urban context and developmental patterning, historical fabric, soil, topography, ecology, climate, and building orientation, in the development of a project design.

Codes and Regulations: Students will be able to design sites, facilities, and systems that are responsive to relevant codes and regulations, and include the principles of life-safety and accessibility standards.

Structural Systems: Students will be able to demonstrate the basic principles of structural systems and their ability to withstand gravitational, seismic, and lateral forces, as well as the selection and application of the appropriate structural system.

Integrated Evaluations and Decision-Making Design Process: Ability to demonstrate the skills associated with making integrated decisions across multiple systems and variables in the completion of a design project. This demonstration includes problem identification, setting evaluative criteria, analyzing solutions, and predicting the effectiveness of implementation.

Integrative Design: Ability to make design decisions within a complex architectural project while demonstrating broad integration and consideration of environmental stewardship, technical documentation, accessibility, site conditions, life safety, environmental systems, structural systems, and building envelope systems and assemblies.
**Topical Outline:**

**Development Plan Research**
- 10% of semester

**Development Plan Idea Development**
- 7% of semester

**Idea Refinement**
- 10% of semester

**Site + Concept Development**
- 13% of semester

**Project Development**
- 60% of semester

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**Prerequisites:**

AAE 714L or consent of Graduate Coordinator.

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**Textbooks/Learning Resources:**

None

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**Offered:**

Fall Semester, annually.

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**Sample Course Schedule**

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**Rubric**

Evidence of satisfying student performance criteria must be demonstrated through verbal and/or graphic presentation at each of the pin-ups and final presentation.

- **Pin-up 1**: 25% of semester grade (ex. SPC B.1, B.2)
- **Pin-up 2**: 25% of semester grade (ex. SPC B.3, B.5)
- **Final Presentation**: 50% of semester grade (ex. SPC C.2, C.3)

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that you have a disability, please make an appointment with a Disabilities Specialist at the DRC to discuss what options may be available to you. If you are registered with the UNLV Disability Resource Center, bring your Academic Accommodation Plan from the DRC to the instructor during office hours so that you may work together to develop strategies for implementing the accommodations to meet both your needs and the requirements of the course. Any information you provide is private and will be treated as such. To maintain the confidentiality of your request, please do not approach the instructor in front of others to discuss your accommodation needs.

Religious Holidays Policy—Any student missing class quizzes, examinations, or any other class or lab work because of observance of religious holidays shall be given an opportunity during that semester to make up missed work. The make-up will apply to the religious holiday absence only. It shall be the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor within the first 14 calendar days of the course for fall and spring courses (excluding modular courses), or within the first 7 calendar days of the course for summer and modular courses, of his or her intention to participate in religious holidays which do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess. For additional information, please visit: http://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=531.

Transparency in Learning and Teaching—The University encourages application of the transparency method of constructing assignments for student success. Please see these two links for further information:

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Incomplete Grades—The grade of I—Incomplete—can be granted when a student has satisfactorily completed three-fourths of course work for that semester/session but for reason(s) beyond the student's control, and acceptable to the instructor, cannot complete the last part of the course, and the instructor believes that the student can finish the course without repeating it. The incomplete work must be made up before the end of the following regular semester for undergraduate courses. Graduate students receiving "I" grades in 500-, 600-, or 700-level courses have up to one calendar year to complete the work, at the discretion of the instructor. If course requirements are not completed within the time indicated, a grade of F will be recorded and the GPA will be adjusted accordingly. Students who are fulfilling an Incomplete do not register for the course but make individual arrangements with the instructor who assigned the I grade.

Tutoring and Coaching—The Academic Success Center (ASC) provides tutoring, academic success coaching and other academic assistance for all UNLV undergraduate students. For information regarding tutoring subjects, tutoring times, and other ASC programs and services, visit http://www.unlv.edu/asc or call 702-895-3177. The ASC building is located across from the Student Services Complex (SSC). Academic success coaching is located on the second floor of the SSC (ASC Coaching Spot). Drop-in tutoring is located on the second floor of the Lied Library and College of Engineering TEB second floor.

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**Final Examinations**—The University requires that final exams given at the end of a course occur at the time and on the day specified in the final exam schedule. See the schedule at: [http://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars](http://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars).