

CityStudio



CityStudio Fall 2012 Course Package. Application Deadline: Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Fall 2012 - 6 credits
Tuesday, 9:30am - 4:20pm
1800 Spyglass Place, Vancouver
Last Updated April 30, 2012

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CityStudio Vancouver

For the Fall 2012 course, we are looking for 20 students who are passionate about sustainability and ready to immerse themselves in a new, challenging and collaborative learning environment based in dialogue and design. This demanding course focuses on real world, high-impact projects for the City of Vancouver

How to Apply

The fall program is being offered by Emily Carr University with 6 spaces available for students from other institutions.

If you are a 3rd or 4th year student from Emily Carr, BCIT, Langara College, SFU, UBC or Vancouver Community College, and are in good academic standing with sufficient credits, you are eligible to apply to the CityStudio program.

I'm interested! What do I do?

1. Carefully read all of the course and application materials.
2. Visit our website: www.citystudiovancouver.com

3. Talk to your advisor about the transferability of credits to your degree. If your advisor has questions about CityStudio, please have them contact the C3 representative for your institution listed at the bottom of the application form.
4. Fill out the attached application form and submit all documentation (Letter of Interest, Resume and Transcripts).
5. Email your application package to Lena Soots, CityStudio Coordinator: citystudiocoordinator@gmail.com by **Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012.**

Important Information for All Students:

1. Students interested in applying for this course will be required to complete the documents outlined in the application form below.
2. Applicants will be interviewed on Monday, May 28th and Wednesday, May 30th. Successful applicants will be notified by Monday, June 4th.
3. Course tuition (approx. \$730) will be paid directly to Emily Carr University.

Important Information for Non-Emily Carr Students:

1. Please consult with your academic advisor to ensure that Emily Carr credits are transferable to your degree.
2. If you are accepted to the program you are required to be registered with Emily Carr University as an "Unclassified Student" and pay the above course fees directly to ECUAD. The CityStudio Coordinator will be in contact with successful applicants in order to facilitate this process.



Fall 2012 Application Form

Please provide the following information:

Your Name:

Student Number:

Current Post Secondary Institution:

Degree/Dept/Faculty:

Years of Study and # of Credits Completed:

Name of Faculty Reference:

Phone:

Email:

Full Mailing Address:

Emergency Contact (name, relationship, phone, email):

Additional Application Requirements

1. A one page Letter of Interest describing why this course matters to you (500 word max).
2. A maximum 2 page Resumé.
3. Unofficial college and/or university transcripts.
4. This application form.

Application packages should be emailed in a single pdf or word document to Lena Soots, CityStudio Coordinator at citystudiocoordinator@gmail.com by Tuesday, May 22nd 4:30pm. If you have questions about the application process please email citystudiocoordinator@gmail.com

About Campus City Collaborative (C3):

CityStudio is part of the Campus City Collaborative ('C3') – a collaborative partnership between the City of Vancouver ('the City') and six Vancouver post secondary institutions: British Columbia Institute of Technology; Emily Carr University; Langara College; Simon Fraser University; University of British Columbia; and Vancouver Community College. C3 aims to collaborate with the City in order to facilitate achievement of the Greenest City goals and targets, as outlined in the document '*Vancouver 2020: A Bright Green Future*' and subsequent Greenest City Working Group recommendations to Council.

Each school has signed a Letter of Agreement to engage in this new collaborative that includes participation of students and faculty at CityStudio. Please contact your C3 representative to find out more about this project and to address any further questions you might have.

C3 Representatives at Each Institution:

Campus	Contact Name	Email / Phone
BCIT	Frances Kirson	frances_kirson@bcit.ca - 604-451-6789
Langara	Julie Longo	jlongo@langara.bc.ca - 604-323-5688
Emily Carr	Bonne Zabolotney	bzabolot@educad.ca - 604-844-3847
SFU	Janet Moore	jmoore@sfu.ca - 778-782-7884
UBC	Ron Kellett	rkellett@sala.ubc.ca - 604-827-5144
VCC	Sal Ferraras	sferreras@vcc.ca - 604-443-8396

Other Questions?

Contact Lena Soots, CityStudio Coordinator

citystudiocoordinator@gmail.com

604-874-6401

SPACE SYLLABUS/COURSE OUTLINE

Course title	Community Projects – CityStudio Vancouver		
Course mnemonic	CCID 300	Day + time	Tuesday 9:30-4:20
Section number	F001	Start date	Sept 4, 2012
Credits	6	Term end date	Dec 15, 2012
Hours per week	6	Location	CityStudio Vancouver, 1800 Spyglass Place (between ECU and Olympic Village)
Prerequisites	Permission of the Instructor		
Instructor	Duane Elverum	Fax	
Office number	1800 Spyglass Place	Email	elverumd@ecuad.ca
Office telephone	604-874-6401	Office hours	TBA

Course Description - ECU CCID 300

This studio course offers students the opportunity to collaborate on a directed studies project initiated by a public interest organization such as a non-profit community group, charity, or a Non-Governmental Organization (an NGO). Projects may include websites, three-dimensional displays, community art projects, or customized visual presentations which may have elements from every discipline, including English and Critical Studies. This course models collaboration and vertical learning where knowledge and skills are shared among students, faculty, external research partners, and community group representatives.

Course Content - CityStudio

This course is a collaboration between ECUAD and CityStudio Vancouver. CityStudio is an energetic hub of learning and leadership where students from Vancouver's 6 public post-secondary institutions design and implement Greenest City urban sustainability projects within Vancouver's Greenest City 2020 Action Plan, one of the most ambitious environmental stewardship programs in the world.

As the core project within Vancouver's larger Campus-City Collaborative (C3), CityStudio Vancouver holds classes, dialogues and events in a 4000 square foot studio on False Creek. The CityStudio program has engaged over 480 students and 18 instructors contributing over 20,000 hours of credited learning, research and action to the Greenest City program in the following 3 areas:

1. *GREENEST CITY SOLUTIONS*. CityStudio directly involves students in designing solutions for Vancouver's Greenest City 2020 goals. Project work connects emerging green entrepreneurs with business leaders in order to expand the green economy.
2. *STUDENT LEADERSHIP TOWARDS A GREEN ECONOMY*. CityStudio is a model of innovative teaching and learning. Projects and course work emphasize mentoring and training for emerging sustainability leaders to identify and develop opportunities in the green economy.

3. *ENERGETIC HUB OF GREENEST CITY LEARNING*. To create an energetic hub of learning, CityStudio runs core courses, hosts events and coordinates a network of partner courses at the 6 participating universities and colleges in Vancouver.

Course Learning Outcomes

Students participating in this course will be expected to spend 6 hours per week in class and approximately 6 hours per week outside of class undertaking projects and learning that combine the practices of dialogue and design towards an urban sustainability project. In this course students will learn to:

- Develop collaboration and dialogue skills towards project implementation.
- Research case studies, issues, strategies and solutions related to urban sustainability in Vancouver and internationally.
- Take the lead on individual aspects of project work and well as write individual reflections.
- Develop a project definition, proposal and implementation plan.
- Undertake a major group project related to Vancouver's Greenest City 2020 action plan.
- Communicate and build relationships with CoV staff on issues related to projects.
- Participate and host regular dialogues with guests and each other.
- Host and curate a public exhibition of course project work.
- Contribute to a publication of course projects.

Why does CityStudio Matter?

Cities around the world will spend trillions of dollars in the next decades responding to population, energy, resource depletion and climate change. Virtually no city is on target to meet these challenges although many are setting ambitious green goals. Vancouver is among them, striving to become a global sustainability leader by 2020 - only 8 years away. CityStudio is connected with the worldwide movement of partnerships between communities and local universities and colleges to implement urban sustainability.

Projects

The course topic and projects are developed in concert with the City of Vancouver, community members and course participants. The learning of the course aims to add value to the City of Vancouver and/or a specific community group by contributing directly to Vancouver's Greenest City 2020 goals.

Our aim is develop high-impact projects that help the city where they have identified the most need. Experiencing and organizing this real-world process can be among the most transformative educational experiences you can have, but it is non-linear and dynamic. It requires patience to work with others in defining and implementing a shared goal, and the desire to follow through in ways that will test your assumptions. These skills and attitudes form the basis of the learning outcomes.

This demanding course integrates learning with current projects in the City of Vancouver and in local communities. As such students are asked to recognize that the actions of the class and of participants in these

relationships have important consequences beyond the classroom. Learning to navigate these unique responsibilities will form an important part of the course and the learning.

Location and Timing

The course is held at 1800 Spyglass Place, beneath the south side of the Cambie Street Bridge on False Creek. It is a few minutes from City Hall and close to transit. In the case of all-day courses, there is a break for lunch, and there will be occasional evening and/or weekend activities. There will also be opportunities to interact with students and faculty from our partner institutions on and off site.

Course Activities and Assignments

A variety of readings, class exercises, individual and group assignments and field investigations are used to achieve the goals of this course. Depending on the context, students will conduct activities either individually, in small groups and/or as part of the entire class. The activities include:

- Interviews, blog posts and written reflections
- Facilitation, course organization and guest hosting
- Research, tours and project proposals
- Project research, definition and proposal.
- Skills workshops in design and dialogue
- Contribution to the term-end public CityStudio Exhibition

Past course guests have included:

- Sean Pander, Sustainability Group, City of Vancouver
- Andrea Reimer, City Councillor and Deputy Mayor, City of Vancouver.
- Shauna Sylvester, Carbon Talks
- Peter Burch, Planning, Mount Pleasant, City of Vancouver.
- Sadhu Johnston, Vancouver Deputy City Manager, City of Vancouver.
- JB Mackinnon, Author
- Tilo Driessen and Lindsay Cole, Parks Board, City of Vancouver.
- Herb Barbolet, Vancouver Food Policy Council, City of Vancouver.
- Amanda Mitchell & Olive Dempsey, City Communications, City of Vancouver.
- Oliver Kellhammer, Artist
- Joel Solomon, Renewal Partners
- Andrea Curtis and Kevin Millsip, Next Up
- Neal Carley, Director of Transportation, City of Vancouver.
- Eesmayal Santos-Brault, Vancouver Design Nerds, The Hive, Recollective Consulting.
- Moura Quayle, Sauder School of Business
- Brent Toderian, Director of Planning, City of Vancouver.

Readings. There is no textbook for this class, but the following are required reading:

Leverage Points: Places to Intervene in a System. Donella Meadows

http://www.sustainer.org/pubs/Leverage_Points.pdf

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve_leverage_points

What is Dialogue?

<http://www.co-intelligence.org/P-dialogue.html>

Vancouver's Greenest City Action Plan.

<http://vancouver.ca/greenestcity/PDF/GC2020ActionPlan.pdf>

Supplies Required

- 8.5" X 11" (min) sketchbook

Evaluation criteria definitions

Grading and mentoring will occur at various points throughout the semester. Mentoring will be provided by the instructors (and students) as various assignments emerge. Written assignments will be reviewed and edited in a timely fashion by faculty. Opportunities to revise and resubmit them (as necessary) based on feedback from the instructors will be provided. Oral presentations will be critiqued both in class and privately. Mentoring will be available to all students. It is expected that students will meet with the instructors on a regular basis to discuss projects and any issues relating to the course.

Grade Breakdown

Class Participation - 30%

- Attendance, collaboration and group process, guest hosting, and final event.

Individual Contribution - 20%

- Project work and written reflections.

Group Project - 50%

- Project research, definition, documentation and implementation.

Weekly Course schedule – subject to change

Week	Mode	Activities	AM	PM	Notes
1.	Understand and Define	Course Introduction			What is the Greenest City? What is Dialogue? What is design?
2.		Guests	Guest	Project Work	
3.			Guest	Project Work	
4.			Guest	Form project groups	
5.		Mini-Conference	Presentation Research	Project Work	Proposal Creation and Refinement
6.	Ideate, Prototype and Create	Project Planning	Group Work	Group Work	
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.		Project Work			Project implementation
11.					
12.					
13.					
14.	Present	Event			