LA 699
Master’s Project Clinic

Time
MWF
1:00pm - 3:00pm (occasionally to 5:00pm where noted in the syllabus)

Location
Lawrence Hall, Room 400S (Penthouse)

Credits
8

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Course Description
The Master’s Project Clinic is the two-term culmination of a five-term research sequence. The Clinics provide a setting and structure to support students in completing their Master’s Project, which is intended to represent original research that contributes new knowledge to the field of Landscape Architecture. Over the Winter and Spring terms, the Clinics require students to complete the various components of a successful Master’s Project, and receive Committee Chair and Clinic Instructor approval of each.

Prerequisite
LA 620, LA 621, LA 601, and an approved Master’s Project proposal.

Curricular Context
This class is required for all MLA students.
The clinic setting functions as a workplace, where students work on projects independently, but with many opportunities for feedback from faculty and peers. Responsibility for guiding each student rests first and foremost with the student’s Master’s Project Committee Chair, and secondarily with the Clinic Instructor.

Class meeting times are primarily structured around independent work, desk crits (Clinic Instructor), informal peer review, and group discussions, along with occasional presentations, and meetings with the Clinic Instructor and the student’s Master’s Project Committee Chair. Outside of clinic time, students are required to continue to progress their Master’s Project and meet Clinic milestones.

There will be two major milestones for Winter Clinic:
• Week 3: Presentation (25% progress)
• Week 8: Report (50% progress)
For each of the above, exact date(s) and any formative assignments intended to support completion of the major milestones will be provided in the syllabus.

There is no required textbook.

Landscape Architecture students (MLA degree) are required to take the class for a grade. Students are approved for entry into LA 699 Spring Clinic by their Master’s Project Committee Chair based on satisfactory completion of the two Clinic milestones and satisfactory progress towards successful completion of the Master’s Project in Spring quarter. Students successfully completing Winter Clinic will receive a grade of “I” (Incomplete) until successfully submitting their Master’s Project at the end of Spring quarter, after which they will be awarded a grade for both Winter and Spring Clinics at the same time.

Note: The above course description is adapted from a Winter 2018 syllabus for Winter Clinic authored by Prof. David Hulse.