Housing “Boot Camp” Studio

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S.F.D. House + ADU (Seven Day Project)

INTENT OF THE STUDIO
The housing studio (aka “Housing Boot Camp”) in this format was first introduced as an intense introduction to housing in Fall 2011. The intent of the studio is to examine creative solutions to current issues of affordability, density, sustainability, and new and emerging lifestyles.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
A series of short exercises, 5, 7, 9 & 12 days each, examining a different housing/site typology (e.g., single-family detached with accessory dwelling units, row houses, courtyard housing, mid-rise buildings or other), will serve as basic research and design for the development of a final project (3+/- weeks) on a larger hypothetical site, utilizing one or a combination of housing typologies previously examined or a new one examined in greater depth.

STUDIO METHODOLOGY
This studio will be a highly structured, professionally oriented, demanding studio format. In order to achieve the most efficient educational objective of understanding issues associated with higher-density low-rise housing, programs for each type will be provided. The studio will also emphasize design process and developing meaningful intentions as a major component of the studio. Each housing type will first be introduced with a summary description and case study examples. Depending on where we are at with COVID-19 in the Fall, the class format is most likely to be in person. We will have to wait until we know later in the summer. While some of the model-making only projects may be reconsidered, I believe we can continue to make this studio highly effective. We were totally remote in Fall 2020 and it was very successful. If teaching is totally in person, reviews early in the term may be remote to accommodate any concerns of outside reviewers.

NOTE: This studio is recommended for those with a sincere interest in housing design. However, it is VERY intense and time consuming with weekly design projects (thus former students refer to it as “Housing Boot Camp”). Not for those not willing to work hard. Student comments on the workload can be found on Michael Fifield Rate My Professor.

Room/Outdoor Room (Five-Day Project)