Syllabus

Fall 2021

LA 4/510

Digital Methods 1 | Diagram

Time
T/H 2:00 pm - 3:20 pm

Office Hours
Wednesday 9:00 - 11:00 am

Location
Lawrence Hall 310

Credits
2

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Course Description
Working in parallel with the LA 4/539 studio sequence, Digital Methods 1 is the beginning of a year long digital media sequence and will focus primarily on the role of the diagram in the communication of landscape systems and design concepts. Media fundamentals such as hierarchy, graphic design and color theory will be introduced alongside the technical aspects of the Adobe Suite. The course will emphasize synthesis, workflows, and diagnostics across platforms, with links to instructional tutorials made available online. Modules will include: context maps, cartography, flow and typological diagrams, poster layout, and photomontage/collage. Tuesday classes will introduce graphic precedents and theory, while the Thursday classes will cover process and technique. After Week 7, the class will emphasize in class workshops to support studio designs.