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, walk-up apartments, or other), will serve as basic research and design for the development of a final project (2-3+/- 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.

As of now, the class format will be in person. Normally, all reviews have been in person. However, last year, because of some still COVID concerns, reviews were conducted on Zoom. This worked really well in terms of having many reviewers, including many from out of state. We’ll see what format we will do when fall comes around. This is the very last time I will teach this studio.

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)