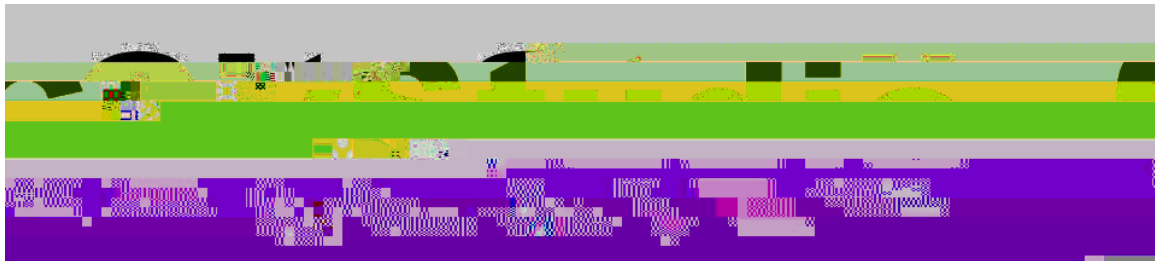


**Semester at CityStudio**

**Spring 2014**



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15 Credits, 12 weeks, 20 students  
1800 Spyglass Place, Vancouver, B.C.  
January 6 - April 9, 2014

### **Faculty**

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Co-Director, and Co-

**What is CityStudio?**

CityStudio has established an innovative collaboration between the City of Vancouver (CoV) and the city's six post secondary institutions (BCIT, ECUAD, Langara, SFU, UBC, VCC), supporting the Greenest City 2020 Action Plan.

CityStudio has created an energetic hub of learning and leadership where students gain hands-on experience with complex real world problems, while co-creating 2020 Action Plan solutions on the ground with CoV staff. In addition to mentoring emerging sustainability leaders for urban sustainability and the green economy, CityStudio coordinates a large network of courses on 6 campuses that focus learning, research and action on topics identified by the City of Vancouver.

## Student Learning Outcomes

### **City of Vancouver - Place, Context and Municipal Government**

- ! Gain competency on basic issues of municipal planning, elections, budgets and decision making
- ! Learn to plan, invite and host conversations with Municipal employees, community leaders and experts
- ! Appreciate the complexities of working with municipal governments
- ! Appreciate the complexity of collaborative and interdisciplinary projects

### **Problem Framing and Ideation**

- ! Demonstrate the ability to frame a problem
- ! Demonstrate the ability to connect projects to municipal, regional and national plans and strategies
- ! Work through multiple iterations of a project idea (ideation)
- ! Investigate best practices at the local and global level connected to your own project
- ! Develop strategies and tactics related to systemic change

### **Working with Others - Collaborative Learning and Community Engagement**

- ! Demonstrate the implementation of a major group project related to the City of Vancouver strategies
- ! Demonstrate the ability to work in a group by s(t) 9 BT 45 .0135 Tc 45 0 0 45 0 0 Tm /9 (g) o0 0 3 (v

## Course Delivery

The learning at CityStudio is immersive and experiential, and framed within the modes of dialogue and design thinking. There is a focus on group process, learning and leadership



include a poster, a report and a digital submission. Projects will be displayed at CityStudio Showcase in April.

**Designing, Launching, Hosting and Reporting on a Public Event**

Students organize, advertise, facilitate, run and report on one event related to the CityStudio Showcase in Early April, 2014.

**Grading and Feedback**

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.

While informal feedback will be provided to students throughout the semester, formal grading will occur in the context of 3 evaluation areas. They are as follows:

Evaluation Areas	Course Number – Letter Grade Assigned for Each Course
Oral Presentations, Participation and Hosting of Public Events	DIAL 390
Individual Project	DIAL 391
Research Project and Final Group Project	DIAL 392

**Readings**

The approach to general reading assignments is different than that typically associated with undergraduate courses. Students are encouraged to read and digest such information to help build the perspectives that will contribute to the various dialogues in the course. In addition, a reading package will be handed out to guide some of your investigations.

**Readings**

**CityStudio Manual** – to be provided online and containing:

- ! Vancouver 2020: A Bright Green Future
- ! Greenest City Action Plan and Implementation Updates

- ! Healthy City Strategy
- ! Vancouver Food Strategy
- ! Dialogue Reading Package



- ! Option for Additional Resources – other books / papers / websites/news articles
- ! 3 Key Dialogue Questions (or proposed structure for dialogue)

**Responsibilities for Hosting:**

- ! Contact Guest with details about location and timing – contact Janet or Duane if difficulties arise.
- ! Check Bio with Guest if necessary
- ! Distribute bio and questions/resources as mentioned above
- ! Greet Guest at Classroom and explain intention of dialogue
- ! Set up Classroom with name cards
- ! Host/Facilitate the dialogue – timekeeper for breaks and starting/ending on time
- ! Thank guests