

University of Delaware Winter Session (January 2026)

CIEG 467/667 (Technical Elective) “Urban History, Architecture, and Planning”



This brand-new course will provide a fast-paced, innovative, and fresh look at the ways “urban history”, “architecture”, and “planning” have impacted lifestyles, land uses and development trends, and travel patterns and modes over the past century. The course approach will be valuable for students in engineering, planning, and social science fields, but the multi-disciplinary focus has been directly crafted to appeal to any students wishing to explore the past century’s growth of cities, suburbs, and communities; and, how those built environment historical trends may impact evolving growth and travel patterns over the next few decades.



Students will learn and explore ways to apply the latest tools (previous experience not required!) in unique, retrospective perspectives to understand how urban and suburban land use and transportation have evolved and in turn, how those trends impacted how people live, work, and play and, further, how those trends may continue on or change in the future. Models are provided for land use patterns, architectural guidelines, and building codes for the past and present.

The course concludes with students' perspectives on "what the future holds" for 2050, and beyond.

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