

# HIS 5935: American Architectural History

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“Architecture inevitably reflects the deeper beliefs of an age, it bears witness to current feeling about nature, about society, and about the very possibility of human improvement. . . architecture is like the human personality. It consists of body and spirit.” Lewis Mumford, *The South in Architecture* (1941)

This course explores the multidimensional history of the US built environment. Arranged chronologically and thematically as a broad survey, we also examine a series of case studies to understand the complexity of meanings present in the American landscape. Topics include Indigenous architecture, construction of national and regional identity, and celebrated and vernacular structures. This course will help students gain educational experience needed to fulfill the Secretary of the Interior’s Professional Qualification Standards and is essential for students interested in careers in Historic Preservation.

Portfolio Option: Annotated Syllabus, Significant Community Engagement Project

Fields: United States History; Science, Technology, the Environment, and Medicine; Public History

