CONTEMPORARY URBANISMS addresses the issues and instruments of 21st-century global urbanization. The course critically positions the theoretical and visual lineages of urban form and its media.

We will examine the concerns of urban design and research from the scale of the settlement to that of the planet, and across the imaginaries of architecture, landscape, planning, the environmental-ecological humanities and the social- and natural sciences.

We will consider cultures, ecologies, geographies and politics in querying discourse and debate on town and countryside, space habitats, densification and sprawl, 'master' planning and informality, growth and shrinkage, and on the impact of anthropogenic, logistical structures of energy, food, garbage and resources on the built environment.

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Students will be evaluated on participation in intensive reading sessions, written reading responses and project analyses, and the development of a paper/graphic/drawing project.