COURSE DESCRIPTION

Reimagining Downtown
Spring Semester 2013
610:111 (CLAS:3111) (3 sh)

Restricted to junior/senior status; enrollment is by permission of instructor only. Class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 3:30pm – 4:45pm

Do you have the creativity and innovation to make a difference? Are you eager to utilize your education to help solve actual problems? Are you interested in obtaining a first-hand look at one of the great social experiments of our time? Do you want to play SimCity for real?

Drawing from an interdisciplinary perspective, this course is designed to assist upper-level undergraduate students apply their education and creativity toward a specific initiative – the Downtown Project, located in the Fremont East and Arts District areas of Las Vegas, Nevada.

http://downtownproject.com

Students will develop ideas that will be used to enhance a thriving/sustainable community in downtown Las Vegas, NV. Along with the standard forms of academic evaluation, the proposals will be competitively judged. The winning team of students will be awarded funding to spend the summer building their idea in Las Vegas.

The question is not what types of majors work best for this class – they all do – but how does your major add value to a community?