

Course Title

Healthy Cities Resilience: A Public Health Approach

Course Professor

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Course Schedule

Fridays, 9-11:30, Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Complex (SEEC)



Course Description

This course will build on the World Health Organization's Healthy Cities and social determinants of health frameworks to understand cultural, social and ecological domains of everyday environments that shape population health and incorporate this knowledge into cultural and sustainability planning processes. Students will partner with the City of Boulder's Office of Arts and Culture to conceptualize and evaluate challenges facing neighborhoods; use a range of methods to elicit knowledge about these places; and inform how cities and municipalities build resilience to contemporary social, economic, and environmental challenges through arts and culture. This hands-on, experiential course will work at the nexus of design, planning, cultural geography, environmental studies, and public health. Grounded in community-based learning principles and aligned with the 100 Resilient Cities Initiative, students will identify and engage with partner organizations, review documents generated by the city, attend public meetings, and collect primary data about key facets of neighborhood life. Student engagement in collaborative planning processes with a diverse set of community members and agency-level professionals will enable students to articulate how cultural and social assets relate to livability and sustainability at the local level and to integrate this knowledge into cultural planning processes, land planning and broader sustainability planning.

Questions

Please email course instructor if you have questions! Dr. Litt's email is jill.litt@colorado.edu.