SYLLABUS

Course Title: Thesis Research and Analysis Workshop

Course Description:
This four-day course will assist students in preparing for and evaluating their readiness to begin Design IX, Final Thesis.

Student Preparation
Prior to each class meeting, students should prepare the following information:
1. A brief statement describing their thesis topic.
2. Background information on case studies and/or prototypes illustrating prior design approaches to the thesis topic.
3. Information on the type of site that would be appropriate to their thesis topic.

Course/Workshop Format:

A.) Student Presentation
Each student should prepare a brief (approx. 10-15 minute) informal presentation, for each class, of the above information. Students should not only discuss the information they have already learned, but also present their plan for obtaining the additional information they will need to begin and/or complete their thesis projects.

Information should be presented in both graphic and verbal formats.

Students should prepare their verbal presentation prior to class. However, the graphic materials presented during class should be informal working documents, not formal presentation drawings.

B.) Instructor/Reviewer Critique
Each student presentation will be followed by a critique by the instructor, which will assist the student by providing recommendations for further research, analysis and preparation and in evaluating the current status of the student’s preparation.

C.) Class Discussion
An additional 5-10 minutes of class discussion on each project will follow instructor’s comments.