



Spring 2025 Course Overview

Building Adaptation and Reuse

Session A, 1.5 credits, Call No. 11770, PLA 6719

Andy Golubitsky and Gabe Randall, Friday 9 - 11 am, 113 Avery

Recommended for REDF students.

Drawing from the expertise and experience of the faculty and guest speakers, this course introduces students to the design and development issues in the redevelopment and repositioning of existing buildings. Students learn of significant land use and zoning regulations, taxation incentives, and social and economic drivers that have contributed to the current increase in urban redevelopment activity, whereby existing buildings are reused, often for new and different programmatic functions. Reference will also be made to methods of modern construction and building typologies and the opportunities or challenges that they present.

Furthermore, the class will cover the physical due diligence and constraints associated with redevelopment and the acquisition and financing process. Drawing on the projects of various guest speakers and several real-world case studies, the faculty will offer a detailed, step-by-step approach to the adaptation and reuse of buildings in the urban context, with the objective being to explore the technical challenges and opportunities that one would encounter when considering, and eventually executing a redevelopment project.