

Cleveland State University  
Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs  
Department of Urban Studies

Fall Semester, 2003

**Course Syllabus**  
*Sacred Landmarks*  
UST 478 / 578

**Class Times:** This course will be offered for 4 credit hours at both undergraduate and graduate level; it will be offered during Fall Semester, 2003, during 8 Saturday all-day sessions.

**These sessions will held from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm on the following Saturdays:**

**August 23; September 13; September 27; October 11; October 25; November 8; November 22; December 13.**

**Class Room: UR 108**

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**Course Description:** An exploration of the art, culture, history, and ethnicity attributed to sacred landmarks; examination of sacred landmarks preservation efforts in Cleveland; examination of the role sacred landmarks play in neighborhood social service delivery and economic development.

**Course Objectives:** 1) increase awareness of the resources represented by sacred landmarks in urban areas using the Cleveland area as a model. These resources include urban art, culture, history, and ethnicity. 2) Examine the material cultures of sacred landmarks and compare these cultures with the faiths and liturgies associated with sacred landmarks. 3) Examine preservation efforts directed toward sacred landmarks and compare them with preservation efforts nationally and internationally. 4) Examine the role of sacred landmarks in community social and economic maintenance and enhancement.

**Course Requirements:** Attendance at all class sessions; participation in field trips; satisfactory completion of assignments. Students must provide their own transportation to field trip sites. Course grade will be based on attendance, participation, and quality of completed assignments. Assignments will be announced during the first class meeting and thereafter.

**Course Methods:** This course will consist of presentations by the principal professors and guest lecturers. It will also involve field excursions to various greater Cleveland area sites. Completion of one significant term paper and oral presentation will be required of course participants. Although team projects will be encouraged, each student will be responsible for her/his own papers. The final class day (Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>) will be devoted to presentation of student projects.

**Course Materials:** *A Guide to Cleveland's Sacred Landmarks* by F. Armstrong, R. Klein, and C. Armstrong (1992, KSU press); Center for Sacred Landmarks Web Site: <http://urban.csuohio.edu/sacredlandmarks> (<http://www.urban.csuohio.edu/sacredlandmarks>);

**PROPOSED SEMESTER SCHEDULE  
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON SPEAKER AVAILABILITY AND USAGE  
CONFLICTS AT HOUSES OF WORSHIP)**

**Week 1 (August 23, 2003) (Dr. Tevesz)**

**Morning session (UR 108) :**

Introduction to the course.

Lecture/Video presentation: *Holy Cleveland*.

Lecture/Slide presentation: *The Center for Sacred Landmarks at Cleveland State University and the Sacred Landmarks Partnership of Northeast Ohio*.

**Afternoon session (UR 108):**

Lecture/Slide presentation: *Designing Sacred Places in the Urban Context*.

Introduction to the student computer labs and the Center for Sacred Landmarks web site.

Assignments/Instructions for next class meeting.

**Week 2 (September 13, 2003) (Dr. Tevesz)**

**Morning session (UR 108):**

Lecture/Slide presentation: *Introduction to Stained Glass.*

Field trip: Whitney Stained Glass Studio, 2530 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, (5<sup>th</sup> floor, west).

**Afternoon session (UR 108):**

Lecture/Slide presentation: *Stones Used for Houses of Worship in Northeastern Ohio*

Field trip: History, art and architecture of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 2230 Eudid Ave., Cleveland

Assignments/Instructions for next class meeting.

**Week 3 (September 27<sup>th</sup> , 2003) (Dr. Benson)**

**Morning session (UR 108):**

Lecture/Video presentation: *Sacred Landmarks as Seeds of Community Development; A Survivor Threatened (St. Joseph Franciscan Church).*

Lecture/Slide presentation: *Sacred Landmarks: Reinforcing the Anchors of Community.*

**Afternoon session (UR 108):**

Discussion: *Preservation, Problems, and Potentials: Maintaining Urban Sacred Landmarks.*

Discussion of student projects and team formation; assignments/instructions for next class meeting.

**Week 4 (October 11<sup>th</sup> , 2003) (Dr. Benson)**

**Morning session (UR 108):**

Lecture presentation: *Introduction to the Cleveland Restoration Society and the Sacred Landmarks Assistance Program.*

**Afternoon session (meet at Cleveland Restoration Society):**

Field trip: Cleveland Restoration Society.

Assignments/Instructions for next class meeting.

**Week 5 (October 25, 2003)(meet in UR 108) (Dr. Tevesz)**

Lecture/Slide presentation: *What Philanthropy Can Do to Help Preserve and Enhance Sacred Landmarks and Neighborhood Programs.*

Field excursions to selected sacred landmarks. Meeting places/times to be announced.

Assignments/Instructions for next class meeting.

**Week 6 (November 8, 2003) (Dr. Tevesz)**

Field excursions to selected sacred landmarks. Meeting places/times to be announced.

Assignments/Instructions for next class meeting.

**Week 7 (November 22, 2003) (Dr. Benson)**

Field excursions to selected sacred landmarks. Meeting places/times to be announced.

Assignments/Instructions for next class meeting.

**Week 8 (December 13, 2003) (meet in UR 108) (Drs. Benson and Tevesz)**

**All day session with break for lunch**

Course evaluations

Student presentations and discussion (student presentations will be no more than 15 minutes each)

Research papers due

Concluding remarks