School of Environmental Design and Rural Development
Ontario Agricultural College

College of Social and Applied Human Sciences
Community Engaged Scholarship Institute

Experiencing the City:

Interdisciplinary, Community-Engaged Inquiry

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Modern cities need people with the skills to design meaningful public spaces that are beautiful, functional, socialable, equitable and sustainable. Responding to this need, Landscape Architecture and the Community Engaged Scholarship Institute are offering two courses open to all graduate students at UofG.

These interdisciplinary courses provide students with practical experience engaging with local communities to design meaningful public spaces that address real-world urban challenges.

You will work in an interdisciplinary team of students, collaborating with community members to explore how people experience and move through neighbourhood spaces in Guelph. You will use a range of methods and disciplines to analyze public spaces, and develop design ideas that respond to community priorities.

For Fall 2026 and Winter 2027, students will contribute to improvements in road safety in the Onward Willow neighbourhood of Guelph, working in partnership with the City of Guelph.

When: Tuesdays 2:30-5:20 PM

Where: In person, Off campus, Downtown Guelph**

Registration for the course is by permission. Students will be asked to submit a short application form.

***Students are responsible for their own transportation. All locations will be accessible by bus.*

You do not need to have taken the Fall semester course to enroll in the Winter semester course.

Winter *2027*: Community Engagement & Design *(.5 credit)*
Students will work directly with community members to develop ideas for how to improve road safety in Onward Willow. This course involves 1) organizing and facilitating community engagement activities (events, workshops etc.), building from the proposal developed in Fall, 2) developing design concepts, working iteratively to refine ideas based on community feedback, and 3) producing an interdisciplinary report that synthesizes findings and outlines potential pathways for action.

This course is a good fit for students who:

- *Are enrolled in ANY graduate program at UofG, including but not limited to landscape architecture, planning, sociology and anthropology, public health, engineering, political science, art, communications, and geography*
- *Are interested in urban issues such as neighbourhood well-being, mobility, public space, or sustainability*
- *Want practical, applied experience working with community members and City staff*
- *Are curious about how other disciplines approach problems and are willing to step outside their own comfort zone*
- *Are motivated to contribute to projects that have real-world relevance and potential impact*

To express your interest in the course and/or interest in learning more and to get access to the application for the course, please fill out this form.