

## School of Architecture

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48-371: City & Suburb: Housing in America after 1850

Units: 9

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A recurring picture of the "American Dream" has typically included the image of a single-family, detached dwelling set within its own green yard in the suburbs. However powerful and durable that image is, the history of house and home in America is actually a far more complex story with many different twists and turns. This architectural history course examines the development of American house and housing choices between circa 1850-2000. We will look at urban and suburban housing types ranging from single family detached dwellings to multi-unit apartments. We will also examine the wider physical and cultural settings of American housing choices, including the relationship between city and suburb, public housing, red-lining, race, class, income, and gender. This course is not a history of famous houses or styles, but a history of housing types and settings and their historical context.