American housing is segregated in every way imaginable - by race, income, class, age, household type, employment status, disability. We build for homogenous market segments; does this contribute to the fracturing of our society - the fact that we never have neighbors who aren't just like us?

Instead, this studio posits a microcosm of our society: One city block, to accommodate a range of households reflecting the full spectrum of our society, including the full range of incomes. After preliminary research, there will be a series of exercises to establish parameters - housing size allocated by income or by wealth, housing sizes allocated by needs, etc. Students will then select a block (either hypothetical or real) and a target density, and design that block of housing. The range of household composition and incomes will be determined by an algorithm, and the economic implications of all proposals will be analyzed and made part of the design process.

Proposals that emphasize the conceptual, polemical, political, economic or metaphorical aspects of the topic will be encouraged. New household and community arrangements can be explored. Thinking about the future trajectory of our society and planet will be critical. But all proposals must have some relationship to reality – economic, environmental, structural, human needs.

Bonus points will be awarded for including the top 1% too.