

ENVS 411 – What Makes Home?



W 12:00-13:50 [Limited Lecture & Discussion]

F 10:00-13:50 [Field Trip Build Days]

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior Standing

Graded for majors; Optional for all other students; CRN: 34767

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Course Description

Join two New Hampshire carpenters in exploration of small-scale residential shelter, for those with a desire to live in a meaningful, and “sustainable” place of residence. We will strive to answer the question: *What makes home?* We will approach this central question from practical (hands-on!) and abstract vantage points, with an explicit concern for environmental impacts, while paying close attention to the human subject, processes of home making, materials, technology, and cost. This course will address basic architectural concepts, but is designed to aid any occupant, and in particular, the aspiring homemaker. The course is designed as a collaborative, feedback-oriented endeavor, in exploration of the relationship of home and the environment. Expect to emerge from this experience as an informed resident, with an awareness of the energy that the home embodies and exudes.