Loneliness and weak social connections are associated with a reduction in lifespan similar to that caused by smoking 15 cigarettes a day.\(^1\)

This studio explores an architectural solution to social isolation: Cohousing. Cohousing is an intentional community\(^2\) of people living in private homes with shared amenities and activities. Cohousing\(^3\) started in Denmark, has spread throughout the United States\(^4\), and yet there is not yet a Cohousing community in Illinois. Want to speculatively design one?

Consider this studio if you …

... know that the built environment impacts our health and wellbeing.
... think housing design is a complicated and fascinating puzzle.
... need your comprehensive (575) studio to focus on low-rise, wood-frame construction.
... believe in architecture for good.
... want to integrate research and your design process.
... heard that Bollo takes elevations seriously and makes them fun.

\section*{FYI:}

Work can be done in teams of two, or alone.
The chosen site is in Urbana, but you may site your community elsewhere.\(^5\)
There is a field trip within driving distance the first weekend of the term.
Presentations are primarily digital, with a paper set of working drawings.
We will incorporate mechanical, structural and landscape design throughout the term.
You will read and report on an academic article each week.

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\footnote{\textsuperscript{3} https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmWx0ntATU}
\footnote{\textsuperscript{4} https://www.cohousing.org/map}
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