

University Gateway Building

This studio project will be the first exploration of the potential for a capital construction project at the primary entry to the University of Oregon. Work in the studio will be based on real needs of the university and the vision of those who have collaborated to make it an extraordinary place to teach, to research, and to learn. Work will be informed by the UO Campus Plan and the UO Campus Physical Framework Vision Project completed in 2017. The studio will work closely with the University Office of Campus Planning and with local professionals to define the issues and opportunities of the project. Student work in this studio could be extremely influential in the development of the actual facility and the surrounding site. The site for the proposed new building(s) is located at the SE corner of Agate and 13th Street, replacing the current Hamilton Hall.



The program of approximately 75,000 sf will include instructional, research, and administrative activities and will serve as a gateway to the university. The project will require much site planning and landscape design in addition to building design. The potential to strengthen the primary streets to the north and west and to define an expansive outdoor space to the south are tremendous. All proposals will be expected to follow an environmentally responsible approach in concert with the goals of the university and to showcase the leadership the university has demonstrated in this area as a harbinger of design thinking for the 21st century.

ISSUES

This will be an intensive studio with emphasis on site planning, contextual design, environmental responsibility, the elegant use of materials, and the creation of beautiful human-scale spaces. Opportunities to develop designs to a detailed level and to explore the unconventional use of materials will be exploited. A variety of media with an emphasis on models will be employed to explore design alternatives. The work will lead to a schematic design at midterm and culminate with the presentation of a holistic scheme at final review. Schemes will be expected to be developed with some critical area(s) refined to a high level of detail. The entire studio experience will be highly interactive, collaborative, and intensive.

PRIMARY REFERENCES

Campus Physical Framework Vision Project
University of Oregon Campus Plan