LA 489 / 589 Site Planning and Design Studio
The Oregon Sequence
Opportunity Village - Prototyping Everyday
Resilience CRN 15564, 15563

Description
This will be the first studio of the Oregon Sequence, a multi-quarter sequence spanning the 4/589 studio series. The Oregon Sequence explores a thematic and/or geographic focus for an academic year across a breadth of scales, allowing the student to explore each scale in depth over the course of a quarter.

Each studio within the Oregon Sequence will build upon the work from the previous studio. The Fall quarter studio focuses on contextualization and the Winter quarter studio focuses on site design. The Oregon Sequence is for those students who are interested in pursuing a thematic and/or geographic focus for more than one quarter.

Opportunity Village Eugene, a transitional micro-housing community for otherwise houseless individuals and couples, will be the base site to explore “research for design” and “research through designing”. The lease on their existing site on Garfield is ending in 2023. The studio will focus on examining the current dynamics at the site (Fall) and translating that into a new site design (Winter).

Key Exploratory Questions the Fall term will consider
+ How can we build trust in a transient community (a very important, but historically difficult community to engage with)
+ What learnings from the community can we build upon to foster community, resiliency, and reintegration?
+ What key insights from the community can should be incorporated into a design brief?

Methods
The class will focus on:
+ Analyzing and understanding a community through intersectional engagement (everyone is expected to spend at least one day a week on site)
+ Developing a layered analysis technique and representation. (To support new processes, there will be a 2-day intensive screen printing workshop)
+ Developing analysis that is compelling and easy to understand
+ Translate the analysis into a design brief.