

DEPARTMENT OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
University of Oregon  
Winter 2014

**LA 499: COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT STUDIO**

MWF 1-5 p.m.  
4th Floor Studio, Lawrence Hall  
Melnick / Yui

**Course Syllabus**

***Intent:***

The intent of this final studio for BLA students is to demonstrate entry-level professional competence in design development and communication of multi-scaled environmental planning and design projects. Project identification, description, programming and preliminary schematic exploration precedes this studio, and is taught in LA 490, Preparation for Comprehensive Project. LA 490 combines instruction in design theory with the development of the student's own comprehensive project program. LA 499 provides the studio setting in which students realize, through professionally-relevant means, their design response to their comprehensive project program.

***Goals:***

Design proposals are expected to achieve appropriate resolutions of the chosen project at *each* significant project scale and include an effective rehearsal of the qualities of experience the proposals would generate. Comprehensive projects are expected to include a design development component at an appropriate scale and include important material and technical considerations. A formal presentation of the project to the department is a course requirement.

***Objectives:***

At the conclusion of the course the student will have demonstrated the following:

- Individual selection of a multi-scaled project in which the student takes the lead and bears the major portion of the responsibility for scheduling and managing their work;
- Execution of a more complete project than the usual one-term studio allows, with better programmatic, precedent and developmental materials, and a good rehearsal of the way that people will experience the place being proposed;
- Successful completion of an opportunity to focus on programming, to pay closer attention to designing as a process, and to consider more deeply the many value dimensions of landscape architecture and their expression in landscape form and pattern;
- His/her most mature effort at organizing and giving a public presentation of a complex design project.

***Techniques:***

The course will employ faculty and guest critiques to support individual student comprehensive projects. Students are expected to seek out additional critiques from faculty, peers and other knowledgeable experts as appropriate.

***Facilities:***

The studio is located on the fourth floor of Lawrence Hall.

***Expectations and Grading:***

This, like all Landscape Architecture studios, is a Pass/No Pass Only course. As a studio student at this curricular level, you are expected to take increasing responsibility for your own education. This has some bearing on our expectations which are set forth below.

All students are expected to attend studio every day (MWF, 1-5pm) and to conduct the substantial portion of their work in the studio environment. In that regular studio meetings will be an indispensable part of studio operations, attendance is critical to studio success. There will be only rare exceptions to this policy.

All students are expected to complete work as described above and interim assignments on time. Emergencies and other compelling circumstances will, of course, be respected.

All students are expected to attend and present at all mid-term and final reviews, as well as all studio pin-ups, desk crits and presentation rehearsals.

All students are required to submit archive versions of their final drawings and public presentation as described the first day of class. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

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