

Arch 454 Urban /Community Design Studio (2025 Spring Semester)

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This studio will focus on architectural designs in *urban and/or community scales and contexts*. Different from previous studios which normally deal with one single building, this studio will primarily concentrate on the built environment and human life in a larger scale –we will study factors that significantly impact our social, economic and cultural lives, such as urban forms, streetscapes, place-promotions, human behaviors, public welfares, business opportunities, life patterns & satisfactions, and transportation. The scope of works will involve in development /redevelopment of multiple building blocks and/or a neighborhood. In this studio, we will learn how to apply sustainable urban /community design and regenerative development theories and principles to develop design and planning proposals that improve our life quality, community renaissance and resilience.

The project that we will work on this semester will be a multi-phase neighborhood design in an urban/community area. This project will include research on existing conditions, case studies, programming, neighborhood planning, and targeted area developments.

(Posters below were examples of previous students' works)



This project offers pride and comfort to the residents of East Central District, Spokane, by improving the built environment, the economic conditions, and the quality of life and pleasure for residents and visitors.



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SITE PLAN



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