IARC 4/584 Spring 2023
Designing from the inside – out
MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING – EUGENE
CRN 33149 / 33159 - Monday Wednesday Friday 13-16:50pm in 480 Lawrence Hall
Pre-req: ARCH 383 or IARC 383 / ARCH 681

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"Form follows function – Design from the inside out"- Amy.

In this studio, students will develop the skills and tools to design the public spaces and homes of an affordable multi-family housing project to be built in Eugene riverfront development Downtown Riverfront | Eugene, OR Website (eugene-or.gov). The overall massing is already established (a 5 over 2 structure with at least 75 homes). Our studio will focus on how to design the interior common spaces (lobby, amenity) and the apartment spaces in a way that will influence and define the exterior architecture. I’ve personally employed this approach in the design of over 5000 homes in multiple west coast markets. This concept of designing from the “inside-out” helps create efficient buildings that are affordable to construct and pleasant to live in.

Successful apartment communities depend on well-conceived spaces – both public and private – that resonate with the customer personally and with the community as-a-whole. To achieve this goal, you must begin with the question – who is the customer and what are their needs and wants? Then, how do you set those goals and translate them into the spaces where people will live and congregate? And finally, how do these choices begin to influence the exterior architecture, construction challenges and long-term maintenance concerns? This studio will focus heavily on the “design development” phase of the process and consider MEP, AV, acoustics, wayfinding, signage to name just a few.

Be prepared to look at housing in a whole new way and learn the tricks and details you need to design housing that is not only great to live in but great to look at.