ARCH 484 Fall 2023

East University Hotel
CRN 10288 - Monday Wednesday Friday 1:00-4:50pm in 481 Lawrence Hall

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“Do the best you can in every task, no matter how unimportant it may seem at the time. No one learns more about a problem than the person at the bottom.” — Sandra Day O’Connor

We will be employing a versatile program for a versatile building type, A Hotel, to review and reinforce the foundational approach to architectural design presented in your last two years of design studio. The site is within walking distance of Lawrence Hall and has direct transit and pedestrian/bicycle connections to campus. It presents opportunities for adaptive reuse, as there are existing structures on the site, urban infill housing and mixed-use, and analysis of urban morphology and cultural patterns.

The program and building type offer a range of room types from private guest rooms to public spaces like restaurants, lobbies, bars, ballrooms, retail space that can open directly to the street. These spaces require corresponding service areas and service connections that adds complexity. We will be next to an Interior Architecture studio which is working on an adaptive reuse project on a site adjacent to ours. The plan is for the two studios to develop feedback loops among students in both studios. Ideally, this is to benefit students’ exposure to the ways the professions reinforce the work of each other.

Hand media and the iterative process of designing will be emphasized. We will have regular Monday pin-ups. Diagrams are the first stage of conceptual design, and the iterative process. We will begin by focusing on diagramming skills and visual communication to better understand our design approach, to test our design decisions, and to generate multiple options and alternatives very quickly. This is how you will develop the parti for your design.