ARCH 484 Fall 2023
Anything but an office.
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Welcome to “Anything but an Office”, a studio that invites each student to 1) explore alternatives to traditional workspace in the form of a new building typology, and (2) understand and develop their own design process with the aim of becoming better, faster, and more precise.

How can architecture adapt to people’s growing ability to work in non-traditional spaces?
This Fall, we will look at what types of buildings and programming (other than the office, cafe and co-work space) lend themselves to being used as workplaces.

Students taking this course will be designing for an evolving “Remote Work Ecosystem”, gaining a valuable perspective on a problem that currently has companies and institutions frozen in their tracks: why and how to invest in office space, when work trends and digital communication tools are constantly changing the way people feel about their jobs.

Each student will develop a unique program, or combination of programs, and research its potential as a building type that can also double as an informal workspace.

In addition to developing comprehensive building designs using traditional architectural conventions, students will participate in research exercises meant to encourage them to think about design as a process that can be optimized using efficiency tools and practices.

We will be working on an amazing site located on the Willamette River in Portland, OR. (See next page) Site work and the integration of landscape will be emphasized.

Feel free to email sguivernau@uoregon.edu with any questions.
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Ross Island Bridge
Springwater Corridor
Willamette River
Site
261 SE 4TH AVE
Site
Tilikum Crossing
SE Grand Ave
 DOWN TOWN
OLD TOWN
NW PORTLAND
NE PORTLAND
SE PORTLAND
SW HILLS

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Springwater Corridor

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