LA 439/539 Spring 2024

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“A design is just an idea until it is constructed. Then it becomes something tangible, livable and (hopefully) magical.”

So, how do you turn an idea into reality- something constructable? LA 439 explores site specific problems in landscape architecture design. In this case, a re-imagining of the exterior of the Eugene Downtown Post Office. In an intensive quarter-long process, you will develop an individual design solution that addresses a number of programmatic and aesthetic challenges, followed by creation of a design development level document package. The end result is intended to provide you with a solid portfolio item. We will address the total package of site design documentation and development- site design, grading, planting, irrigation, etc. thus creating an assembly of documents that can be given to a contractor for pricing and implementation.

We will be joined by a leading Oregon general contractor and allied architectural and engineering design collaborators who will speak to the critical path of design communication and the idea of ‘bullet-proof documents’.

The format of the course will include lectures, discussions based on reading and case studies, written and graphic assignments, oral presentations and field trips to the site. The end product is intended to be a tight and well-developed set of design development level construction documents as a portfolio item.

Pre-requisite: LA 289