WESTGATE
A UO Mixed-Use Development

As part of the University’s continuing Residence Hall Modernization, a development on the “PLC Parking Lot” is proposed. Totaling about 225,000 square feet (similar in size to the new East Campus Residence Halls), the complex will include the “Next Residence Hall” (516 beds) with food service and support facilities, academic space including a major auditorium, ground floor retail, and parking.

The studio will help inform the UO’s decision-making process by examining the nature of the development on this site. The feasibility study by ZGF (they projected at least a seven-story building, see graphic, below) provides a program. Our investigation will strive to understand how a complex can extend and complement the existing campus order and make connections to the surrounding neighborhood.

Studio will consist of a series of focused studies and weekly pin-ups from massing to room studies to building envelope. A preliminary scheme will be presented along with these studies at mid-term. Development and presentation pin-ups will continue after the mid-term review. Meeting the weekly pin-up deadlines is critical.

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