Architecture 384, the fourth in a series of undergraduate design studios, builds on previous studio experiences by exploring essential architectural design principles. Students are challenged to develop their working design process, media skills, critical thinking, and visual and oral presentation abilities. Studio assignments are cumulative and build in complexity over the course of the term. The building project for 2013, sited in downtown Portland, is a Culinary Institute: an urban educational center and dining facility that creates innovative programs in gastronomy. In the studio, students will examine conceptual and formal ordering systems; precedents; principles of sustainability; building materials and assemblies; and response to urban conditions. These conditions include concerns of context, site development, natural light, ecology, and universal access.

In four coordinated sections, instructors will coach students in understanding the opportunities and constraints of program and site, finding an appropriate design concept, and developing the design. Students will document their process, reflect on their progress, and receive feedback throughout the term - in both informal and formal settings. The class meets MWF from 1:00 – 4:50 PM. Prerequisite: ARCH 383.