The current UO Women’s Softball Facility, Howe Field, rates at or near the bottom of PAC-12 softball facilities. While it has the basic elements of a collegiate softball facility, it lacks the modern components and amenities such as adequate locker rooms, public restrooms, seating, training/teams rooms, etc. to attract elite prospective student-athletes and provide a quality fan experience. In addition, its current location on the central campus academic core may not be the best use when considering the need for future academic uses.

The intent of this studio is:

- Examine and understand the basic principles of the UO Campus Planning process.
- Examine different potential sites on or near campus for a new softball facility.
- Develop a set of design principles and open-space framework plan for each site.
- Understand how different architectural and landscape architectural elements and strategies can be used to design a project that engages a landscape instead of simply occupying it.
- Understand and manipulate site engineering designs and contours (e.g., landscape berms)
- Investigate the potential of a new facility as a work of public art, not just structure.
- In small teams, design a new softball facility for a variety of sites on or near the UO campus.

The studio will work very closely with the Office of Campus Planning and Real Estate, the UO Athletic Department, and the coaches and student athletes of the women’s softball team.