

For Immediate Release

Bohlin Cywinski Jackson

Architecture Planning Interior Design



Rendering, UC Davis Lecture Hall. Courtesy Bohlin Cywinski Jackson

BOHLIN CYWINSKI JACKSON DESIGNS UC DAVIS LECTURE HALL FOR THE FUTURE

San Francisco, CA (June 16, 2016) – The University of California, Davis held the groundbreaking ceremony for their newest and most advanced lecture hall this month. Designed by architecture firm Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, the 600-seat academic space will provide state-of-the-art learning opportunities for the University’s growing enrollment.

Designed to deliver an innovative learning experience unlike any other lecture hall on campus, the 16,365-square-foot classroom will include fixed desks and swivel chairs equipped with power outlets for plugging in laptops and other technology. Three projection screens, operated by a touchpad accessible to the instructor, will allow for visual aids.

The hall’s unique clamshell design will also provide for a larger lecture space, serving more students than the usual 150-200 seen in standard lecture halls. The building’s lobby will connect interior academic activities to an adjacent plaza and an exterior café-style kiosk equipped with ample seating and WiFi access.

Campus planners and the Bohlin Cywinski Jackson design team used feedback from over 3,000 student surveys and more than 100 faculty and staff in various design work groups to shape the future-thinking and people-oriented design of the lecture hall. The new learning space will help meet the need to grow enrollment under the campus’s

2020 Initiative and is expected to reduce course waitlists and the time it takes for students to get the classes they need to earn their degrees in a timely manner.

"The new Lecture Hall is designed to provide much needed instructional space for the University's growing enrollment," says Karl Backus, design principal from Bohlin Cywinski Jackson's San Francisco office. "We received valuable input from administration, faculty, and students to create a highly interactive learning environment with state-of-the-art technology and advanced sustainability."

The project is designed to achieve net-zero energy and anticipated to meet the LEED Gold standard for energy efficiency and environmental design. Construction is scheduled for completion in winter 2018.

To download a higher resolution rendering, please click [here](#).

Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, founded in 1965, is a national architecture practice noted for elegant and humane design, ranging from modest houses to large academic, civic, cultural and corporate buildings. To date, the firm has received more than 650 regional, national and international awards for design, including three AIA Top Ten Green Project Awards and the AIA Architecture Firm Award. Founding Principal Peter Bohlin was also awarded the AIA Gold Medal, the highest honor an individual architect can receive. The firm is well known for its work with Apple, designing stores such as the iconic Fifth Avenue cube in New York City and flagship stores worldwide. The practice has also created headquarters for Pixar, Adobe and Square, and city halls in Seattle and Newport Beach, CA. For more information, please visit BCJ.com.

Media Contact:
Blue Medium, Inc.
michelle@bluemedium.com
212.675.8700