



First Student Housing “Hub”

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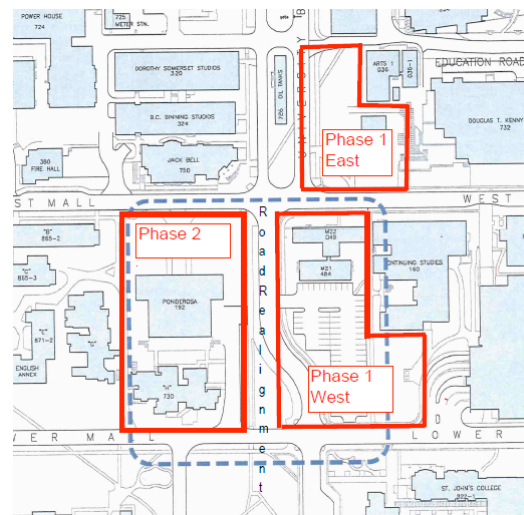
Student housing “hubs” are envisioned as vibrant centres that will animate the campus core. The first “hub” serves a critical place-making role on campus. It marks the terminus of the University Boulevard spine and serves as a secondary gateway when approaching the campus from Marine Drive. It will bring 1,100 student housing beds to campus, along with a wide range of other important academic and community facilities.

This “hub” will have three main buildings, joined by a large open courtyard. Common spaces will provide opportunities for formal and informal interactions between, students, faculty and staff. What activities can you imagine in this space to animate the campus, particularly at night?

The “hub” will be developed in two phases.

Phase 1* is targeted for completion in August 2013 and will include approximately 577 beds in total. In addition, it will house:

- café
- fitness facility
- bicycle storage and end of trip facilities
- commuter student collegiums
- informal learning spaces
- academic facilities
- the Geofluvial Lab currently located in Ponderosa Centre
- Fine Arts Print and BFA Studios currently located in the huts on the SW corner of University Blvd and West Mall
- MFA Studios currently located in the huts behind the new CIRS building



Phase 2* will commence immediately following the completion of Phase 1 and is planned for completion by August 2015. It will include 523 beds in total, amenities, and academic and administrative units including:

- child care
- a food outlet or retail space
- a residence front desk
- seminar rooms and other academic offices/support services including Faculty of Education tenants currently located in Ponderosa H
- Academic offices and learning space for the Department of Psychology, to replace space in the current Botany Annex on the SE corner of University Boulevard and West Mall
- a collegium
- a common lounge and study space

An exciting new aspect of the hubs is the addition of collegia to the UBC campus. Collegia are on-campus spaces that

* Program description for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 based on information available at time of print. Because the project is still in its early stages, some elements of the program may change.



will offer a "home away from home" for commuter students. Collegia at the new hub will offer students space to hang out, eat lunch, spend time with classmates, and do school work. Each Collegium will have a relaxing lounge-style atmosphere and be outfitted with comfortable furniture, individual and group work spaces, and kitchen facilities. Collegia are staffed by senior students who welcome members, answer questions, and plan programs and events.

The first student housing hub has been developed through a planning process that includes UBC operational and design staff, student representatives from the AMS and GSS and representatives from the Faculties of Arts and Education, who will be located in the "hub."

Creating More Student Housing

UBC has a long-term strategy of developing more student housing on campus because we know that living on campus contributes to a student's social and academic success. The *Vancouver Campus Plan*, developed through three years of consultation with the campus community, created the capacity to house up to 50% of the current population of students on campus. Much of that housing will be created through a dynamic new style of student housing called "hubs". Five areas on campus have been identified where hubs can be located (see map).

Unlike current forms of student housing, these "hubs" will also include academic and other types of facilities and they will be open to anybody to use. The "hubs" will be places for faculty, students and staff to hang-out and chat, study quietly, and have lunch as well as work or go to class. These campus centres will include independent-style student housing, academic spaces, including classrooms, studios and labs, informal study space, recreation, child care, food and beverage services, convenience services and outdoor commons.

Vibrant Community

The goal of these "hubs" is to build connections between students, faculty and staff both through formal academic spaces and informal social opportunities. They will also be important places for those who don't live on campus, creating a "home away from home" for commuter students and faculty. We believe these scripted and unscripted opportunities for social and intellectual interactions will help build the vibrant campus community that people envisioned during the *Vancouver Campus Plan* process.

Academic Engagement

One of the most distinctive elements of the "hubs" is that unlike other forms of student housing, they bring together residential students, commuter students, faculty and staff to engage in intellectual and academic activities. Whether this is through formal classroom teaching, informal chats over coffee or special events, the "hubs" will provide unique opportunities for academic engagement.

A Culture of Sustainability

The "hubs" will also support the university's sustainability leadership through sustainable design and operations. End of trip facilities, including secure bike storage and showers, will help create a cycle friendly campus. As the "hubs" are developed, the University will work with TransLink to reroute community shuttle routes to service new hubs. And building design will support a well-connected, compact and accessible campus for pedestrians.

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