

**HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**  
University of Oregon Cultural Resources Survey  
Eugene, Lane County, Oregon  
Summer 2006, Updated 2025

**RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION**

Current building name: Hamilton Hall Complex (East and West)  
Historic building name: Hamilton Hall Complex (East and West)  
Building address: East Complex/1364 Columbia Street, West Complex/1365 Agate Street  
Ranking: Non-Contributing

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

Architectural style classification: International  
Building plan (footprint shape): radiating  
Number of stories: 4  
Foundation material(s): concrete  
Primary exterior wall material: brick veneer  
Secondary exterior wall material: aluminum panels  
Roof configuration/type: flat  
Primary roof material: elastic membrane  
Primary window type: sliding industrial sash  
Primary window material: aluminum  
Decorative features and materials: black panels under windows for all sections; brick and hollow tile lattice work on McClain, Boynton, Collier, and Robbins sections of the complex; pink aggregate panels and lattice work on Dunn and Cloran  
Landscape features: deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs, foundation plantings, landscaped area to south ("Humpy Lumpy"), covered bike parking  
Associated resources: It lies across Agate St. at the western terminus of the Promenade  
Comments:

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

Date of construction: 1960-1961  
Architect: Church, Newberry & Roehr  
Builder/Contractor: unknown  
Moved? (yes/no): No                      Date of move(s): N/A  
Description/dates of major additions/alterations: 1995: dining area remodeled; 2000: new brick-enclosed service area facing north; 2001-02: dining area remodeled; 2004: reroofed

**HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS & SIGNIFICANCE**

Original use(s) or function(s): Dormitory

Current use(s) or function(s): Dormitory

Area(s) of significance: Architecture, Education

Period of significance: 1960-1961

Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary):

Built in two phases, Hamilton Hall is an example of Modernist design ideas on the UO campus. It echoes specific International style examples in its design and construction, especially in the piloti on the Agate St. façade which resemble the arrangement of the ground floor of the Seagrams Building by Mies van der Rohe and Phillip Johnson, perhaps the most famous example of the International style. Other decoration include use of contrasting construction panels to create a sort of decorative checkerboard effect, the brick and hollow tile lattice work on McClain, Boynton, Collier, and Robbins units of the complex and the pink aggregate panels and lattice work on Dunn and Cloran units. Hamilton Hall's many semi-enclosed internal courtyards and common areas reflect Modernist ideas about reorganization of living space.

Hamilton was named for Judge James W. Hamilton, member of the Board of Regents and president from 1913-1925. The building consists of ten separate rectangular, 4 story units: Boynton, Cloran, McClain, Tingle, Spiller, Robbins, Dunn, Collier, Burgess, and Watson. Each unit is named for a former faculty member of the UO.

Hamilton Hall has good integrity. No discernible changes have been made to the fabric or design of the exterior. Interior changes have been limited to minor remodeling work and changes in use. Hamilton Hall may contribute to a campus historic district as an example of Modernist architecture at the peak of its ascendancy and how it was applied to campus residential life. However, at this time Hamilton Hall is ranked as a non-contributing resource.

**NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**Historic Significance (check one):  High  Medium  Low  Very Low or NoneIntegrity (check one):  Excellent  Good  Fair  PoorCondition (check one):  Excellent  Good  Fair  PoorBuilding designation:  City Landmark  National Register  National Historic Landmark  Not listedPreliminary National Register eligibility findingsBuilding is potentially eligible:  Individually or  As a contributing resource in a district only

If eligible individually, applicable criteria (check all that apply):

- A. Associated with significant events  C. Distinctive architecturally  
 B. Associated with significant persons  D. Archaeologically important

If applicable, building qualifies under NR Criterion Considerations:  Yes  No If yes, which apply:Building is NOT eligible:  Intact but lacks distinction or  Altered/loss of integrity or  Not 50 years old

**DOCUMENTATION**

Indicate resources consulted when researching this building (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University archives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UO Planning Office files | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn maps                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Building permits                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO files             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives                 | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library                       | <input type="checkbox"/> State Historic Society |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Historic Society         | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal interviews                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic photographs   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical encyclopedias     | <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary indexes                    | Other : _____                                   |

**BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Lutes and Amundsen, AIA. A Study of Dormitory Housing. Eugene, OR: University of Oregon, 1962.

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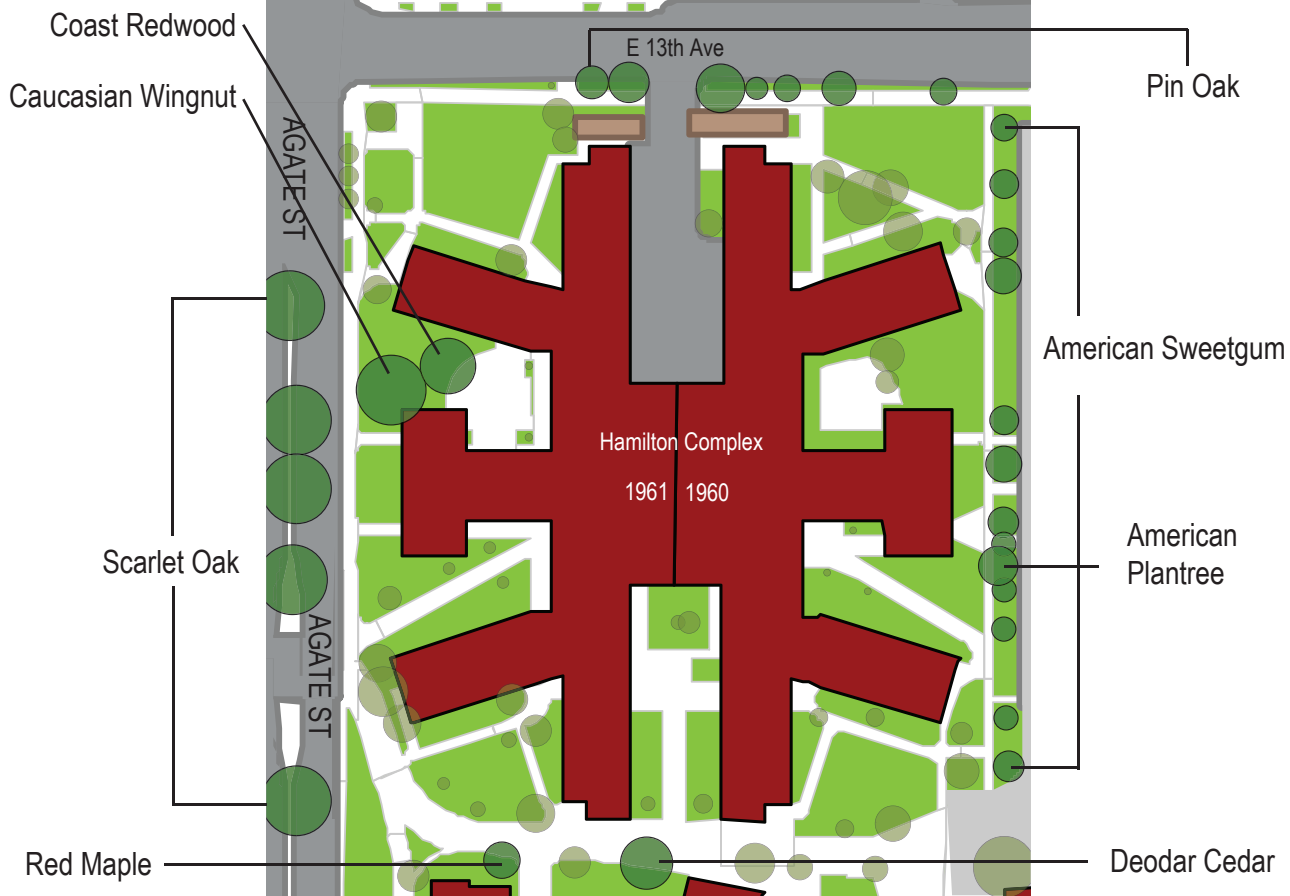
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**PHOTOGRAPH**



Hamilton Hall Complex, taken from northwest corner (corner of 13th and Agate Streets)  
(See Continuation Sheet 1 for additional photos of this building)

**SITE PLAN**



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**Figure 1. Hamilton Hall. Semi-enclosed courtyard.**



**Figure 2. Hamilton Hall. Dunn's endwall.**



**Figure 3. Hamilton Hall's wooden marker**

