

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

RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION

Current building name: Oregon Hall
Historic building name: n/a
Building address: 1585 East 13th Ave.
Ranking: Non-Contributing

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural style classification: Modern
Building plan (footprint shape): L-shaped
Number of stories: Three, west wing; four, east wing
Foundation material(s): Concrete
Primary exterior wall material: Brick
Secondary exterior wall material: n/a
Roof configuration/type: Flat
Primary roof material: Unknown
Primary window type: Fixed sash, in horizontal bands of six
Primary window material: Metal
Decorative features and materials: Simple decorative brickwork frames the windows, doors and balconies.
Landscape features: The north side features a large lawn with a walking path and a University of Oregon sign. The south side features sidewalks and large raised planter area (a small grass area supported by a retaining wall).
Associated resources: 13th Ave. Axis
Comments: Oregon Hall is asymmetrical. While it has four stories, much of the building is only three stories. The building features a recessed entry to the south side and recessed balconies above. The north side of the building features a third floor terrace.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

Date of construction: 1974
Architect: Zimmer, Gunsul, Frasca Partnership of Portland
Builder/Contractor: Nortec, Inc (Structural, Mechanical, Electrical Engineers)
Moved? (yes/no): No Date of move(s): n/a
Description/dates of major additions/alterations: Numerous interior renovations

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS & SIGNIFICANCE

Original use(s) or function(s): Student Services, Administration

Current use(s) or function(s): Student Services, Administration

Area(s) of significance: Education, Architecture

Period of significance: 1974

Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary):

Oregon Hall was designed in 1974 by the architectural firm Zimmer, Gunsul, Frasca Partnership of Portland. Oregon Hall is a brick asymmetrical building with windows in horizontal bands of six panes. The west wing of the building is three stories. This wing features a recessed entry that faces south with recessed balconies above. On the north side of the west wing, a third floor terrace is featured. The east wing of the building is four stories. The two wings converge at the northeast corners and are emphasized by a tower-like projection.

Oregon Hall currently houses administration offices and student support services. Originally, it housed administration offices including admissions, financial aid, registrar, and student affairs. These original functions were previously housed in Emerald Hall, which was demolished.

In 1962 the University hired urban designer Lawrence Lackey to create a new campus plan. He produced a «fixed image map» which projected future campus development. The placement of Oregon Hall, along with the Bean Residence Hall Complex and various science facilities, were a part of Lackey's plan. Oregon Hall was built during a transitional period on campus. Although Christopher Alexander published The Oregon Experiment in the early 1970s, buildings influenced by this plan do not show up on campus until 1976. It is possible that Oregon Hall was one of the last buildings constructed prior to the adaptation of Alexander's plan. However, more research is needed to determine this.

Oregon Hall has high integrity and is in good condition, but it has little significance and lacks distinction. Therefore, it is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. It is categorized as a non-contributing resource given its very low significance relative to other campus buildings.

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENTHistoric Significance (check one): High Medium Low X Very Low or NoneIntegrity (check one): X Excellent Good Fair PoorCondition (check one): Excellent X Good Fair PoorBuilding designation: City Landmark National Register National Historic Landmark X 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 X No If yes, which apply:Building is NOT eligible: X Intact but lacks distinction or Altered/loss of integrity or X Not 50 years old

DOCUMENTATION

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

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| <input 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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other : <u>see below</u> |

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Original Plans for Oregon Hall, Facilities Services, University of Oregon, Eugene.

RECORDING INFORMATION

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SITE PLAN

