Building the USC Campus: A Brief History

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This course will explore the evolution of the USC campus from its founding in 1880 to the present day and will also serve as an introduction to the fields of architectural and planning history. Day one will present the history of the campus through historic images and plans. We will discuss what architecture can tell us about the aspirations of the institution and its place in the landscape of greater Los Angeles. This history will also be related to the broader development of American campus planning. On day two we will take a walking tour of the campus to look at what we have been discussing.