

DUKE UNIVERSITY CENTRAL CAMPUS

Durham, North Carolina

Client: Duke University



Elkus Manfredi's work at Duke University involves the programming, planning, and design of Central Campus. This new mixed-use environment combines residential accommodations for seniors and graduate students, academic programs for arts, languages and special programs, and retail uses that connect the University and surrounding community. Central Campus will be the new link between Duke's existing East and West campuses. The program envisioned approximately 1.3 million square feet of mixed-use space, including an Alumni and Career Center, black-box theater and related performance spaces, campus-related retail, dining and entertainment spaces, and housing for 1,200 students. Parking will also be provided for up to 2,000 cars within this area in parking structures adjacent to the new buildings.

Located between two existing historic and physically separate campus entities, Central Campus is planned around a complex topography that includes hollows, the surrounding forest, and the Sarah B. Duke Gardens. The program on Anderson Street, an important Durham arterial, reflects the scale and activity of a city street, while Duke Way engages various academic amenities as well as a large informal quadrangle defined by buildings that extend outward to meet the surrounding forest.



