Project Description

In 2011, the City of Los Angeles approved a Master Plan for Loyola Marymount University (LMU), which included approval of the LMU Specific Plan covering the entire Westchester campus, a Development Agreement, General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, and certification of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The LMU Specific Plan approved 3,411,000 square feet of total building square footage on campus, which square footage was allocated between academic/administrative buildings, residential buildings, and indoor athletic buildings.

Since approval of the Master Plan in 2011, and as a result of constant evaluation of changing campus needs, an amendment to the Specific Plan is proposed to allow for adjustments in the distribution of land uses between the academic/administrative buildings, residential buildings, and indoor athletic buildings, provided that the maximum total new construction (1,779,000 square feet) and maximum overall total development on Campus (3,411,000 square feet) previously analyzed in the EIR and approved in the Specific Plan is not exceeded. This flexibility would allow LMU to continue to evaluate whether individual existing buildings meet the University’s evolving needs, or if replacement facilities are needed, while ensuring that environmental impacts remain within the envelope analyzed in the EIR.

The following pages show the proposed amendments to the LMU Specific Plan.
Proposed Amendments to the LMU Specific Plan

Section 2.2  SPECIFIC PLAN SETTING AND DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

C. The Project Development Plan proposed with this Specific Plan includes 457,000 square feet of net new Floor Area of facilities for Academic and Administrative Uses, 428,000 square feet of net new Floor Area of facilities for Residential Uses with approximately 989 new beds, 26,000 square feet of net new Floor Area for indoor facilities for Athletic Uses, a net increase of approximately 4.8 acres of outdoor facilities for Athletic Uses, and a net increase of approximately 5 acres of property for Open Space Uses. Total Project Development Plan (existing plus net new development) proposed with this Specific Plan is approximately 3.41 million square feet.

Section 3.2  PROHIBITIONS

B. No Administrative Clearance shall be approved for a Project that would cause overall development in the Specific Plan Area to exceed 457,000 square feet of net new Floor Area of facilities for Academic and Administrative uses, 428,000 square feet of net new Floor Area of facilities for Residential Uses with approximately 989 net new beds, and 26,000 square feet of net new Floor Area for indoor facilities for Athletic Uses. Total Project Development Plan (existing plus net new development) proposed with this Specific Plan is approximately 3,411,000 square feet of total Floor Area.

Section 3.3  LAND USE PLAN AND CAMPUS LIMITATIONS

B. Maximum Permitted Floor Area Development. The maximum permitted new development shall be as set forth in Table No. 1, not exceed 1,779,000 square feet of Floor Area and the maximum permitted total development for the overall Campus shall not exceed 3,411,000 square feet of Floor Area.

Table No. 1 demonstrates the potential allocation of Floor Area for the Campus for Academic/Administrative, Residential, and Athletic Indoor uses. Adjustments may be approved by the Planning Director within each land use category and among the land use categories through the Administrative Clearance process detailed in Section 8.1 of the Specific Plan, provided that the total amount of “New” construction does not exceed 1,779,000 square feet of Floor Area and the “Total” development does not exceed 3,411,000 of Floor Area. LMU shall submit an updated Table No. 1 to City Planning for the City’s files with each Administrative Clearance application.