The master plan is intended to preserve and develop an academic environment that will enhance the University’s three-fold mission of teaching, research and public service within a setting that promotes a sense of community and protection of valuable green space.

Thomas Jefferson’s original “academical village” is an exemplar of coherent planning. Conceived as a community, it is an ideal setting in which to nurture the mind and promote social interaction. In looking ahead to the 21st century, we look back to Jefferson’s belief that the principles which shape the physical character of the institution are derived from the principles which guide its academic undertakings.

The master plan is founded on the following core principles:

1. Extending Our Architectural Legacy
2. Integrating Academic, Residential, and Recreational Uses in Functional Zones
3. Creating a Walking Environment
4. Re-Connecting All Sectors of the University Grounds
5. Serving the Larger Community

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