

## EID 471 PROJECT OVERVIEW: Death of the Mall

### Transformation of abandoned malls:

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- <https://www.businessinsider.com/what-will-happen-to-closed-malls-2017-12/#after-art-galleries-and-community-gathering-spaces-4>
- <https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2015/03/a-new-life-for-dead-malls/387001/>
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- <https://www.naioop.org/en/Magazine/2011/Summer-2011/Development-Ownership/Revisiting-the-Dead-Old-Malls-Find-Life-with-New-Uses>
- <https://www.npr.org/2014/09/10/347132924/heres-whats-becoming-of-americas-dead-shopping-malls>
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### Objective:

Convert obsolete mall to become a rejuvenated magnet/hub for the region, but also to attract more international tourism; how can it remain relevant?

### Project criteria:

relevant and complex typology, sustainable, futuristic, commercial, experimental, foreign culture, cold climate, abundant square footage, indeterminate program, novel for students, allows for students to work as a class and also individually, existing idiosyncratic building shell and infrastructure, easily to repurpose, metric system

### As a class:

- Determine what the mall should be converted to
- Generate list of programmatic spaces and zones
- Create a cohesive schematic and zoning plan
- Determine presentation deliverables
- Research and pre-design

### As individuals or pairs:

- Select one of the programmatic spaces to develop
- Create a design development package
- Coordinate with other team members to ensure that adjacencies, circulation, etc. between individual projects are compatible and consistent; all constituent parts must come together as a cohesive whole

Mahagon Mall (located in Gerrard Square, Toronto, Canada)  
3 floors @ 3,850 m<sup>2</sup>/floor (net) = 41,441 sf/floor (approx. 11,550 m<sup>2</sup> or 124,323 sf total)  
18ft / 5.5m floor-to-floor; 3ft/1m floor structure & ceiling plenum; 15ft/4.5m max ceiling height

