Spencer 2 Spring (S2S) is interested in understanding Melbourne—particularly the Hoddle Grid—by cataloging the moments and events that make the city unique. The studio sees the city as its main source of knowledge and inspiration: Melbourne as precedent for intent. This semester, S2S will focus on a mixed-use brief including housing, and an urban vertical farm in the heart of the CBD. The subject site is the existing building on 201 Spring Street, also known as Part Tower. Students will be asked to limit their intervention on the existing structure while retrofitting the new brief, applying adaptive re-use principles.

Similar to previous S2S deliveries, students will follow a precise methodology to extract systems from the Hoddle Grid; analyze them, and apply them as the driving idea behind their final projects. This semester’s cataloging will be focused on columns. Students can expect to work in a large group, in pairs, and individually during the different stages of the semester. Physical models of different scales and hand drawing will remain an integral aspect of the studio outputs.

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