Courtyard

The courtyard is the symbolic center of the school. All of the major functions are oriented around the courtyard. The internal circulation routes follow the edges. Different levels of interaction with the outdoor space are provided through balconies off of the classroom building, the professor's office building, and above the entrance lobby. The courtyard area itself is divided into two different landscapes. One is a lawn area with a "tree of knowledge." The other area is a sunken terraced grass area, or amphitheater, that may be used for impromptu relaxation, outdoor classes, and ceremonies.

Early sketch illustrating the relationship of spaces, paths, and the courtyard.