



WSU SOLAR DECATHLON MISSION STATEMENT

Complex forms and radical gestures are not conducive with 800 square feet. Our goal was to create a simple space that is livable and homey. Solar energy should not dictate design. We strove to address the need for renewable energy, solar design and sustainable technologies, realizing progressive design can not rely on traditional design ideals.

With the program requirements, it is very easy to allow the functional aspects to generate design. We took very confrontational ideas and designed them in a non-confrontational way. Rather than overpowering the public with large moves, we present simple design. Our home is a box, but a very beautiful and functional box.

Our home is one volume interrupted by another and in the floor plan this scheme is easily understood. The public will recognize simple forms and familiar spaces, but see them in a new light. In typical modular design, it never comes down to the details. Without subtle gestures, small space design suffers. For us, details become the complex forms and radical gestures.

We are not a top five design school with unlimited cash. We are not construction workers, product designers, tour guides, web designers, or professional anything. We are students who focused on budget and human interaction to make our home a real world problem rather than a fictitious dream skewed in impracticality.

We want you to re-write the rule book for us. We are students that think, work and design differently.

