

Close-Hipp Renovation

Project Description

This project will renovate, or replace, various mechanical and electrical systems throughout the 341,000 gross square feet, nine-story building. A sprinkler system will be installed and other life safety systems such as fire alarm devices and emergency lighting will be replaced. The roof will be investigated for partial or complete replacement and water intrusion issues at the entry level plaza will be corrected. Restrooms will be renovated to provide accessibility. Classrooms will be renovated and finishes will be replaced as required. In addition to the work associated with building systems, various academic support spaces and the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management will be programmed to occupy the renovated building. Only minor interior reconfiguration is expected to accommodate academic programs. The renovation is expected to occur in two phases. The Close Building, on the south side, will be renovated first with a preferred occupancy date of fall 2018. The Hipp Building renovation, at the north side, will begin after completion of the Close Building with a preferred occupancy date of fall 2019. Each half of the Close-Hipp Building will be occupied while the other half is being renovated requiring a phased design. The primary objectives for the project are to address the most significant maintenance needs, as the construction budget will allow, and provide space for academic programs with limited interior reconfiguration.