

Foreword


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The University of Virginia **Facilities Design Guidelines** has been prepared to guide and assist architectural and engineering consultants and Facilities Management staff in the planning, design and preparation of design documents for construction and renovation of University facilities.


The guidelines in this publication identify specific or unique standards and requirements for University projects and the "lessons learned" from past University projects. As such, the guidelines supplement and are in addition to mandatory codes, industry standards or other authoritative resources applicable under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Federal Government.

There may be particular project circumstances that, in the judgment of the Architect or Engineer, warrant alternatives to these guidelines. Such recommendations are welcome and will be conscientiously considered. However, unless the University Chief Facilities Officer gives special approval for alternatives prior to implementation, the Architect and/or Engineer must comply with the guidelines as stated in this publication.


Recommendations are welcome from **Guidelines** users for additions and modifications. Please submit any comments to the Director, Facilities Planning and Construction.



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