

Introduction

The University of Virginia **Facilities Design Guidelines** is intended for the use of architects, landscape architects, and engineers involved in the preparation of construction documents for the University of Virginia. The **Guidelines** are a reference for University facilities project managers and other personnel whose responsibilities include implementing institutional lessons-learned through design, construction and in-house services.

The **Guidelines** provide procedural and technical requirements broadly applicable to all design and construction. As part of the contractual agreement between the design professional and the University, conscientious application of the **Guidelines** is a tool to expedite the design and construction process in a cooperative, partnering effort. In like manner, Facilities Management personnel are responsible for executing the intent of the **Guidelines**.

The format of this seventh edition of the University of Virginia **Facilities Design Guidelines** is intended to be user friendly, with an emphasis on pre-design understanding for a partnering effort between architect, engineer, end user, and a variety of facilities personnel under the responsibility of the University Project Manager. The office of the Facilities Management Review Unit is responsible for ensuring these **Guidelines** are implemented.

A table of contents precedes each of the categories and an index is provided. Periodic supplements to these **Guidelines** may be published and distributed to anyone on record as having a copy of the guidelines. These **Guidelines**, and any added supplements, shall be followed for all University projects unless due process is used for waivers or modifications. It is intended that the **Guidelines** be incorporated, not referenced, into the design documents.

A line in the right hand margin designates significant changes from the previous Guidelines.