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New York University to build campus in D.C.

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D.C. will accommodate **New York University** students enrolled in semester-long programs in a new build-to-suit facility at 1307 L St. NW.

It will be NYU's first U.S. study-away campus — dubbed NYU-D.C. — and will offer classes through its College of Arts and Sciences.



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Hickok Cole Architects is designing the 75,000-square-foot mixed-use facility that is targeting Gold Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification and will include space for classes, support staff, lobbyists and student dorms.

The five floors of student living space will feature four-person suites, and one challenge the architects encountered was creating equitable living spaces in the narrow, 60-foot wide site.

To pick the location of the center in the city, NYU said it relied extensively on advice from its D.C. alumni, who thought the L Street site was "ideal for our purposes, being both centrally located and in an active neighborhood for students," Richard Foley, professor of philosophy and dean of the faculty of arts and science at NYU.

A recent pledge from Ronald Abramson, an NYU trustee and alumnus, was what sparked the project to take off and helped fund the purchase of the plot of land.

The center will have the capacity to house about 200 students each semester.

Initially, the curricula will focus on politics, economics, history, journalism and art history. Over time, a range of other offerings -- from biology to environmental studies -- will also be offered, added Foley.

The faculty will be comprised of a combination of new professors hired locally and visiting NYU faculty.

"We view the NYU-D.C. center as an integral part of NYU's global network university," said Foley, adding that NYU has 12 major academic centers on five continents. "[NYU] is committed to a vision of a university in which students and faculty move easily from one center to another. A NYU student in politics, for example, might study not only in NYC but also in Shanghai, Abu Dhabi, Buenos Aires and D.C."

NYU wanted Hickok Cole's design of the building to allow for multiple functions.

"A major part of the center's activities will, of course, revolve around academic programs, which will provide students a concentrated exposure to national political life and the rich cultural traditions of the Capital," said Foley. "But the center is also being designed so that it can be the venue for intellectual and cultural events in the evening."

A balcony will run along the building façade outside the reading room, visually separating the dormitories from the academic areas below.

An interconnecting staircase will run from the first floor student lounge to academic areas.

Two levels will be reserved for academic space and one will house an auditorium-style

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venue.

"It was like putting a little Swiss watch together but we got it to work," said Laurence Caudle, associate principal at Hickok. "We think the undergraduates will get a real kick out of living there."

He noted that one challenge was getting actual windows on the building, since it is sandwiched in a narrow space, but the building to the west side is set back with a courtyard area which allowed the firm to add windows on that side.

A developer has not yet been picked for the project. NYU hopes to have the center in operation by the fall semester of 2012.

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On The Boards: New York University

Washington, DC 75,000 sf Build-to-Suit

- Washington, DC joins the list of cities, including Paris, Florence and Shanghai, which will host New York University (NYU) semester programs. NYU has chosen DC as the location for its Arts/Sciences program, to be housed in a new build-to-suit facility at 1307 L Street, NW.
- Hickok Cole Architects enjoys being in the same league as other architects such as Polshek Partnership Architects, FXFowle and Steven Holl Architects who have completed recent projects at the New York campus. The DC branch, by Hickok Cole, will be a mixed-use facility targeting LEED® Gold certification with space for academic programs, support staff, lobbyists and student dormitories.
- 5 floors of dormitories feature 4-person suites, provided with shading and privacy through an external screening system. The Hickok Cole design team strove to create equitable living spaces despite the challenges of this narrow, 60' wide site.
- A balcony runs along the building façade outside the reading room, visually separating the dormitories from the academic areas below. The balcony, along with an interconnecting staircase running from the first floor student lounge to academic areas, helps characterize the building as an institutional space thriving with public activity.

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Completed: Council for Responsible Nutrition - LEED CI Certified

Washington, DC 6,300 sf Association Headquarters Interiors

- The Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN), the nation's leading trade association representing the dietary supplement industry, has been awarded LEED Commercial Interiors certification by the U.S. Green Building Council.
- The full scale renovation of CRN's 6,300 sf Washington, DC headquarters will be added to the over 8 million sf of LEED projects completed, in design or under construction by Hickok Cole.
- A space like CRN offered young Interior Designer, Dana Mathews, LEED AP, the opportunity to contribute to the movement towards sustainability as a staple in design practice. At \$66/sf, the space also shows how sustainable design can be accessible to greater numbers of people with LEED certification.
- Work is no longer relegated to the individual workspace. Public areas double as teaming areas. The library is a touch-down area for impromptu meetings. Equipped with power and data, the informal, café-like pantry enables employees to work together. A small meeting area on the window line allows daylight into the interior providing employees with an additional space to collaborate in a more public setting.

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- **The SED Center featured** - "Space to Learn", Architect magazine, April 2009
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