

College of Professional Schools: Mack Hall

Norwich University, Northfield, VT



VITALS:

Client: Norwich University.

Location: Northfield, VT.

Cost: \$18.6M.

Completed: 2018.

Scope: Programming, Schematic Design through Construction Administration.

How Green? Best practices; working with Efficiency Vermont to achieve incentives.

Team: Rick Jones, Marc Perras, Greg Burchard, Dan Ollila, Christian Strom, Sarah Tarbet. Collaborating Firm: Freeman French Freeman, Architects.

A result of the master planning Jones Architecture completed for Norwich University, Mack Hall is a new building that houses classrooms, an auditorium, case study rooms, student spaces, and administrative spaces for the School of Business and Management and Norwich's Computer Security and Information Assurance (CSIA) program. The building sits north of Webb Hall, creating a shared courtyard and is scaled to a similar width in order to take advantage of passive heating and cooling as well as natural daylighting.

Mack Hall was designed to elevate the University's current general use classroom portfolio and add specialty learning spaces which do not currently exist on campus. General use classrooms were conceptualized in two categories, lecture style and active learning, to facilitate different modes of teaching and allow for maximum flexibility. Several new teaching space types to the University are housed within Mack Hall as well, including a multi-functional auditorium/theater, case study rooms, cyber warfare simulation lab, cyber forensics computer labs, and a mobile device forensics lab. Large open spaces within are given over to student gathering space for functions or everyday study, utilizing both digital media and whiteboards to facilitate open collaboration.

The exterior material palette picks up on those commonly used on campus including red brick and granite, but are used in innovative ways to express the forward thinking of this project.

