

Reinvigorating the Academic Campus Core

Norwich University, Northfield, VT



VITALS:

Client: Norwich University.

Location: Northfield, VT.

Cost: Varies, \$3.9M to \$18.6M; total \$37.1M across all four projects + \$7M landscape & infrastructure.

Completed: 2011 - 2019.

Scope: Programming, Schematic Design through Construction Administration.

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

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Collaborating Firms:
Freeman French Freeman Architects; Crowley Cottrell.

In 2011, Jones Architecture worked with the College of Liberal Arts and College of Professional Schools at Norwich University to fundamentally rethink how they deliver learning. Several months of programming resulted in a reconsideration of existing classroom types, as well as development of a complementary set of new, specialized learning environments: cyberforensics simulation labs, mobile device forensics lab, computing project rooms, BIM labs, case study learning rooms, an auditorium, and active team-based learning settings. We worked to dissolve traditional disciplinary silos and find new and creative ways for faculty and students to work together. The master planning effort that followed this programming process led to recommended renovations of three existing buildings (Schneider Hall/\$8.6M, Dewey Hall/\$6M, and Ainsworth Hall/\$3.9M) and the addition of a new building (Mack Hall/\$18.6M) to accommodate more contemporary program elements. After a three year hiatus for fund-raising, the project restarted in earnest in 2014 with design of all projects simultaneously. Across the three renovations, over 45% of teaching spaces campus-wide were renovated. Stitched together by a \$7M landscape and infrastructure package, these four buildings and the associated Central Quad have reinvigorated the historic academic core of campus.



TESTIMONIAL:

“Until retiring in September 2019, I served as Norwich’s Chief Administrative Officer for more than 33 years. During this time, over \$430 million (adjusted for inflation) worth of projects were completed. I worked with dozens of firms and would put none above Jones Architecture. I have the utmost respect for, and confidence in, Rick Jones and the Jones Architecture team.”

David Magida, CAO & Director of Facilities (retired), Norwich University

