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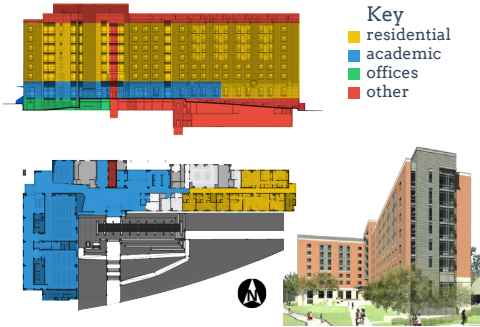
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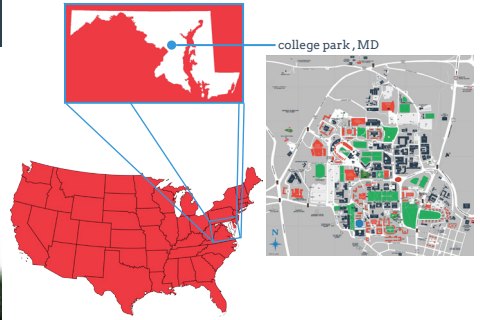
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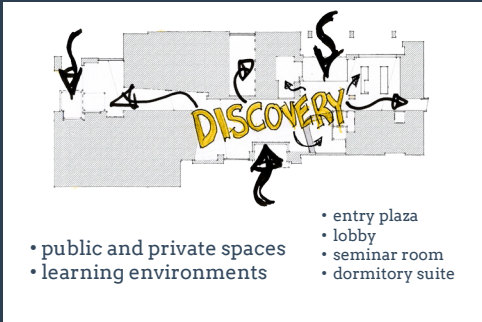
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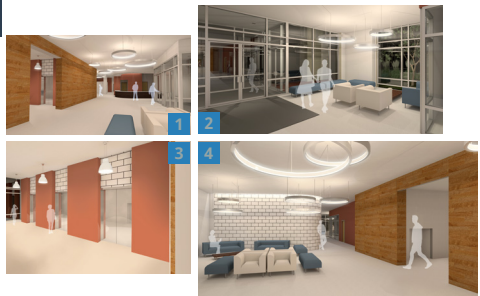
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Design Concept



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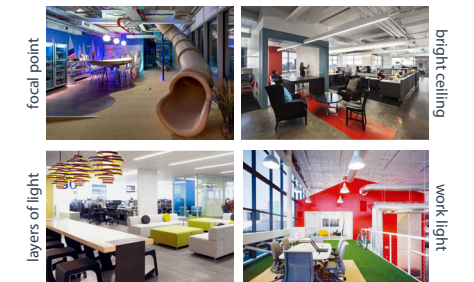
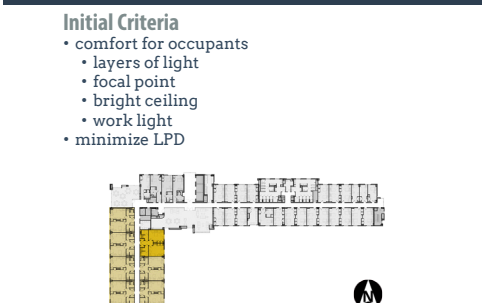
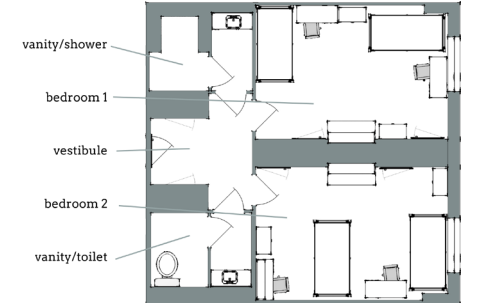
Lobby Lighting



discovery occurs through the juxtaposition of public and private spaces

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Dormitory Suite Lighting

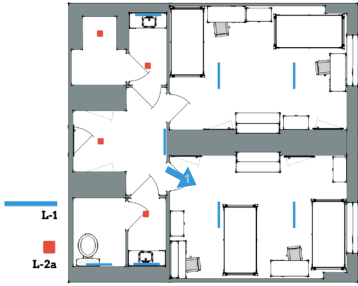


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Dormitory Suite Lighting

Criteria: focus on sustainability

- minimize LPD
 - 42 dormitory suites
 - target: 0.34 W/ft² (10% less than ASHRAE 90.1 2010)
- maximize controllability
 - comfort for both roommates
 - different scenes



discovery of social life

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Dormitory Suite Lighting

Achievements

- minimize LPD
 - target: 0.34 W/ft² (10% less than ASHRAE 90.1 2010)
 - achieved: 0.21 W/ft²
- load reduction
 - multiplied across 42 suites
 - design uses 8.8 kW less
- practical
 - coordinates with existing architecture
 - LED fixtures for durability & longevity
 - bright ceiling
 - 3-sided lens fixture
 - aesthetic improvement



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Other Lighting Spaces

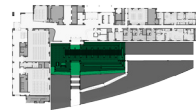
Seminar Room

discover education

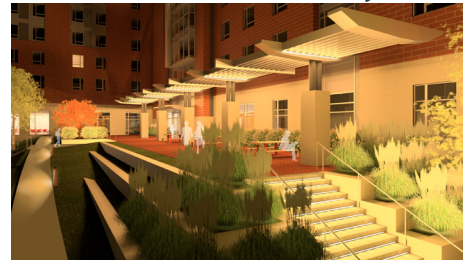


Achievements

- IES Recommendations
 - occupies 25 years old
 - 200 lux on work plane
- peripheral lighting
- flexible controls
- no upward-facing lights
- trellis highlighted
- social gathering space
- established heirarchy



Entry Plaza



first step of discovery

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Electrical Depth

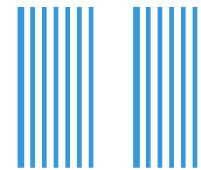
Equipment Savings

- branch panels** no changes
the loads on these panels are unchanged; equipment is the same
- xmfr** -\$950
distributed transformers are almost the same cost as centralized
- switchboards** \$40,000
eliminated (2) 1600A switchboards and associated breakers
- draw-out breakers (switchgear)** \$275
(2) 800A breakers were changed to several smaller ones

for dormitory distribution system
Total Equipment Cost Savings: **\$37,500**

Wire Savings

Existing System
208Y-120V
2 risers
250 and 500 kcmil



\$72,000

Redesigned System
480/277V
1 riser
#1/0 and 250 kcmil



\$41,000

for dormitory distribution system
Total Wire Cost Savings: **\$34,000**

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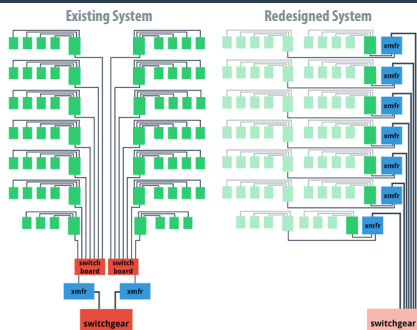
Electrical Depth

System Benefits

- smaller transformers are needed at each floor
- smaller wire sizes
- less voltage drop
 - higher voltage distribution
 - this increases the overall efficiency
- several pieces of equipment eliminated or resized

Total Savings

Total Equipment Cost Savings: **\$37,500**
Total Wire Cost Savings: **\$34,000**
Total Savings: **\$71,000**



Shading Options

NBBJ Seattle
Chemistry Building
Stuckeman Family Building

VERTICAL SLATS
HORIZONTAL SLATS
LOUVERING
DEEP WINDOW
TOP + SIDE SHADING
SHARP CORNER

Mechanical + Architectural Breadths

Scope

2nd - 7th Floors

36 East-facing Suites 66 South-facing Rooms
18 West-facing Suites 18 North-facing Rooms

Design Goal

maximize shading between **June - August**
minimize shading between **October - March**

Mechanical Achievements

Summer: June 21

Energy Savings				
	South	East	West	North
Number of Windows	60	30	48	18
Cooling Season Net BTUs	-239192	-185040	-204758	-8004
Heating Season Net BTUs	-347163	-104428	-81834	0
Net BTUs	-107970	60612	122924	8004

Total Reduction: **83,570 BTUs**

Mechanical + Architectural Breadths

Shading Technique

Calculation Method

- Compute relevant solar angles (altitude, azimuth, angle of incidence)
- Use solar angles to find the unshaded area (ft²) of windows
- Calculate direct beam solar heat gain
- Calculate (ground and sky) diffuse solar heat gain

Architectural Achievements

Existing Building

Lighting Depth

Load Reduction:
11,400 Watts

Electrical Depth

Total Savings:
\$71,000

Mechanical + Architectural Breadths

Total Reduction:
83,570 BTUs



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Tools

Architecture

Prince Frederick Hall is a new building located on the University of Maryland campus. The building programming provisions space for academic rooms on the ground and first floors of the building. Part of the first floor and all of the second through seventh floors are used for dormitory rooms. A combination of single, double occupant, and suites provide housing for a little over 450 students.

Red brick dominates the most surface area of the building and is laid in a traditional running bond pattern. The first floor of the building is wrapped in a limestone-colored, special finish masonry unit. Metal is also used on the facade; it is used primarily to accent the curtain walls.

Lighting + Electrical

daylighting: Provided to spaces through numerous glazed openings. The lobby and social areas feature large, glass curtain walls. Classrooms are equipped with blackout shades.

lighting: Interior lighting is mostly fluorescent. Many troffers and recessed downlights are applied throughout the building. Exterior lighting is LED.

electrical: Power feeds into the building from the north side. Two 3000 kVA transformers, outside the building, provide 480/277V to the main electrical room. Power is transformed to 208Y-120V for all receptacles and lighting.

Appendix: Abstract

Building Statistics

function: University Housing
size: 185,522 GSF
number of stories: 7 floors + ground floor
construction dates: May 2012-August 2014
project cost: \$66.8 million
delivery method: design-build

Project Team

architect: WDG Architecture, PLLC
general contractor: Clark Construction
structural engineer: Cagley & Associates, Inc.
mep consulting: WFT Engineering, Inc.
civil engineer: Site Resources Inc.
landscape architect: Parker Rodriguez Inc.

Mechanical

air distribution: Six air handling units and two roof top units circulate air throughout the building.

central systems: Prince Frederick Hall is connected to the campus' central steam distribution system.

academic spaces: Variable air volume (VAV) boxes are located throughout the ground and first floors. Separate heating and cooling coils provide extra control to individual spaces.

dormitory spaces: Each dormitory room is equipped with its own fan coil unit (FCU) that connects to the building's chilled water and hot water systems.

Structural

foundation: Concrete columns carry the load of the building below grade to footings.

superstructure: The structure of the building is mostly steel-reinforced concrete. Typical 18x30 columns carry 8" concrete decks. Cantilevers on the 2nd floor are supported by post-tensioned concrete beams.

lateral system: Shear walls around stairwells and elevator cores resist lateral loads.

trellis: Located at the north and south entrances, this feature of the building is constructed mainly of hollow steel sections.

Existing Lighting Circuits						
Entry Plaza Lighting						
Fixture Type	Load (VA)	Fixtures per Circuit				
EX1	138	1	1	1	1	1
EX2	84	1	1	1	1	1
EX3	23	1	1	1	1	1
EX4	23	1	1	1	1	1
EX5	84	1	1	1	1	1
Existing Load	452.0	100	100	100	100	100

Lobby Lighting						
Fixture Type	Load (VA)	Fixtures per Circuit				
L-1	42	1	1	1	1	1
L-2	32	1	1	1	1	1
L-3	32	1	1	1	1	1
L-4	32	1	1	1	1	1
L-5	32	1	1	1	1	1
Existing Load	160.0	50	50	50	50	50

Seminar Room Lighting						
Fixture Type	Load (VA)	Fixtures per Circuit				
S-1	42	1	1	1	1	1
S-2	32	1	1	1	1	1
S-3	32	1	1	1	1	1
S-4	32	1	1	1	1	1
Existing Load	138.0	40	40	40	40	40

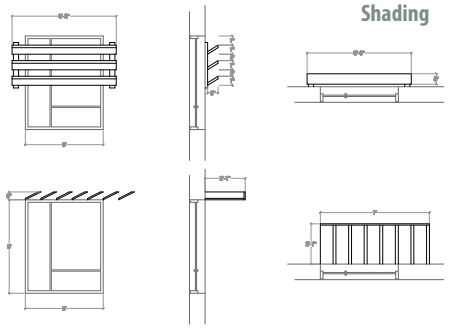
Dormitory Suite Lighting						
Fixture Type	Load (VA)	Fixtures per Circuit				
D-1	32	1	1	1	1	1
D-2	32	1	1	1	1	1
D-3	32	1	1	1	1	1
D-4	32	1	1	1	1	1
Existing Load	128.0	40	40	40	40	40

Appendix: Electrical

Lighting Branch Circuit Redesign

Circuit Name	Total Circuit Load (VA)		Difference
	Existing	Redesigned	
HL-3	1935	1764.0	-170.1 VA
EL-1	670	670	same
MP1A-1	482	360	-122 VA
MP1A-3	1024	1000	-24 VA
MP1A-4	800	0	combined with MP1A-3
MP1A-8	1806	1041	-765 VA
EMPI-3	1739	831.8	-907.2 VA
EMPI-5	777	717.2	-69.8 VA
MP1A-7	1152	1342.2	+190.2 VA
MPA-#	370	322.4	reduce from 7 to 4 circuits per floor

Redesigned Lighting Circuits			
Fixture Type	Load (VA)	Quantity	Total Load (VA)
Lobby Loads			
L-5	1.4	30	42.0
L-2b	19.8	15	297.0
L-5a	4.0	5	20.0
L-5b	6.4	8	51.2
L-5c	8.7	4	34.8
L-7	4.2	15	63.0
L-5	3.7	3	11.1
Total Lobby Load			467.1
Seminar Room Loads			
L-3	3.1	4	12.4
L-4	9.8	12	117.6
L-5	1.4	33	46.2
Total Seminar Room Load			176.2
Dormitory Suite Loads			
L-1	15.8	8	126.4
L-2a	8.7	4	34.8
Total Dorm Suite Load			161.2
Entry Plaza Loads			
LE-1	138	4	552.0
LE-2	1.4	268	375.2
LE-3	8.8	7	61.6
Total Entry Plaza Load			988.8



Appendix: Breadths

Solar Heat Gain Calculation Method

First, find direct beam solar heat gain:
 $q_{SHG,D} = E_{DN} \cdot A_{unshd} \cdot SHGC(\theta)$

E_{DN} calculate (see below)
 A_{unshd} is the unshaded area of the window
 SHGC(θ) is the manufacturer's SHGC with an angle correction factor applied

where the method to find E_{DN} is:
 $E_{DN} = E_{DN} \cdot \cos(\theta)$

$$E_{DN} = \frac{A}{\exp(B/\sin(\beta))} \times CN$$

A and B are both coefficients
 CN is the clearness number, a regional coefficient
 β is the solar altitude

Next, find diffuse solar heat gain:
 $q_{SHG,d} = (E_d + E_r) \cdot A \cdot SHGC_{diffuse}$

E_d calculate (see below)
 E_r calculate (see below)
 A is the total area of the window
 $SHGC_{diffuse}$ is the manufacturer's SHGC with a diffuse correction factor applied

where E_d (for a vertical surface) is:
 $E_{dV} = Y \cdot E_{DN} \cdot C$
 for $\cos(\theta) \geq -0.20$

$Y = 0.45$ for $\cos(\theta) \geq -0.20$

E_{dV} is known from above
 C is a listed coefficient

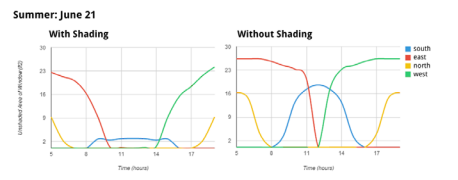
E_r is the ground-reflected diffuse irradiation:
 $E_r = E_{DN} \cdot (C + \sin \beta) \cdot \rho_g \cdot \frac{1 - \cos \Sigma}{2}$

E_{dV} is known from above
 C is a listed coefficient
 β is the solar altitude
 ρ_g is the albedo (ground reflectance)
 Σ is the surface tilt angle (90° for vertical surfaces)

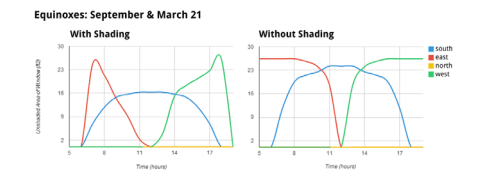
Last, combine diffuse and direct solar heat gain to find total solar heat gain:
 $q_{SHG} = q_{SHG,D} + q_{SHG,d}$

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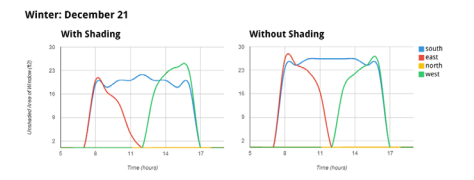
Shaded Area Graphs



Ideal: reduce the unshaded area of each window as much as possible, particularly for peak loads



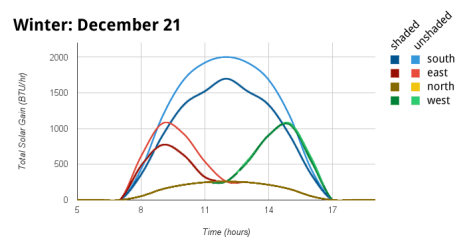
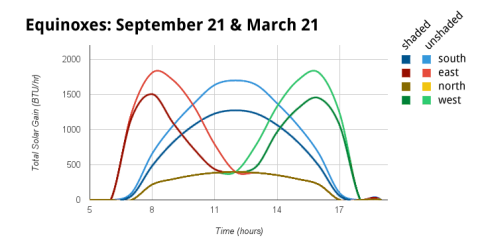
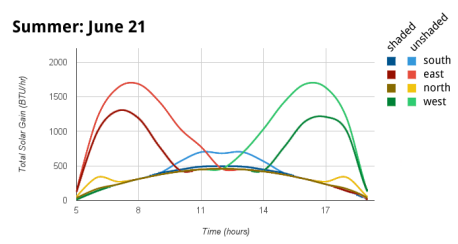
Ideal: these months posed a challenge because September is considered to be a cooling month and March is considered to be a heating month, but the solar angles are identical for both days



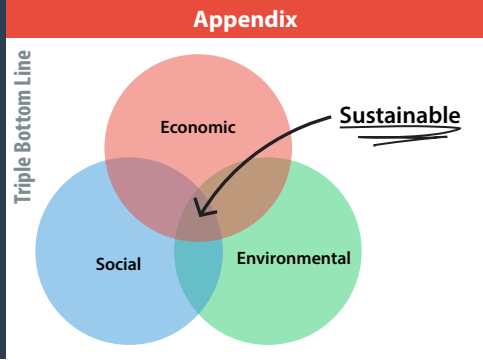
Ideal: maximize the unshaded area of each window as much as possible

Appendix: Breadths

Solar Heat Gain Graphs



on vernacular architecture
 "building in response to actual needs, fitted into environment by people who knew no better than to fit them with native feeling [is] for us better worth study than all the highly self-conscious academic attempts at the beautiful throughout Europe."
-Frank Lloyd Wright



on solar design
 "The house in which the owner can find a pleasant retreat in all seasons... is at once the most useful and the most beautiful."
-Socrates