

# **INTRODUCTION**

## **Introduction to UNC Charlotte's Design and Construction Manual**

This manual, consisting of two separate documents – design guidelines and construction guidelines – are intended to guide future design and construction projects at UNC Charlotte. The manual is structured to be of use to all members of the design team. The first section sets design guidelines for University buildings and open space, paying careful consideration to the means in which an individual project can be woven into the campus fabric. The second section of this manual, consisting of construction guidelines, follows the organization of a typical specification manual in order to provide detailed guidance for campus construction projects.

Together, the design guidelines and construction guidelines offer a universal starting point for all UNC Charlotte projects. This document is intended as a resource; the University fully expects the design team to employ their professional expertise and analysis on campus projects. As well, the design team should consult applicable state requirements (including the State Construction Manual). For successful projects, designers are encouraged to review the contents of the manual and discuss implementation and alternatives with the University Project Manager (UPM). Should any variance from these documents occur, the designer is expected to bring this to the attention of the University Project Manager (UPM). The University's approval of design submittals does not constitute authorization of any variance from this manual. Ultimately, compliance with this manual is the Designer's responsibility.