

# Campus Design Standards

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## Purpose

This policy provides design and construction teams with general guidance regarding the university's intent to develop a consistent approach to designing and constructing buildings emphasizing the importance of life cycle cost, maintenance reliability, and unified architectural vernacular.

## General

The university is committed to the highest level of building standards and recognizes that collaboration in design, construction and maintenance is essential to provide the appropriate level of those standards. The Physical Plant Department has the responsibility to oversee and manage design, construction, renovation and landscape projects. Project proposals will be guided by the campus master plan, strategic plan and campus space utilization strategy.

Each project's design, materials, and construction shall conform to the most current adopted code editions by the state of Texas, including but not limited to the International Building Codes, Life Safety Codes (adopted by the state fire marshal), National Electric Code, applicable Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation statutes, ASHRAE (adopted by SECO), U.S. EPA regulations, Americans with Disabilities Act, Texas Accessibility Standards, the Fair Housing Act, Texas Building Energy Code, and all applicable laws of the United State and the state of Texas.

SFA Physical Plant Department maintains a set of Design and Building Standards as a guidance for design and construction professionals for all phases of projects. The guidelines serve as a reference and are not intended to replace applicable codes.

**Cross Reference:** None

**Responsible for Implementation:** Vice President for Finance and Administration

**Contact for Revision:** Vice President for Finance and Administration

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**Board Committee Assignment:** Building and Grounds Committee

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