

STUDENT LIFE & ACADEMICS 5,000-20,000 SQ.FT.

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PROJECT TITLE: McAlister Hall SQUARE FOOTAGE: 16,990 SF

With an all-in budget of \$7.8M we were entrusted with the remarkable task of transforming the former Conservatory of Music into a vibrant hub for the Modern and Classical Languages department. Originally constructed in the 1960's, the building featured a maze of small, enclosed spaces ideal for music practice and instruction. However, this layout was in stark contrast to the open, inviting atmosphere desired by students and essential for faculty to facilitate language learning.

One of the main goals of the project was a comprehensive modernization of the building's mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, seamlessly integrating it with our new energy-efficient campus hot water system. This upgrade also afforded us the opportunity to upgrade all of the building's lighting to energy-efficient LED technology.

The concept of flexibility played a pivotal role in our design approach, in collaborating with a local architecture firm. While we adhered to our campus standards for the general assignment instructional spaces, we strategically crafted specialized program areas such as the language learning lab, collaboration space, and student lounge spaces on the first floor with an emphasis on adaptability. This adaptability was achieved through a diverse range of furniture choices offered and inclusion of mobile, flexible furniture.

On the second floor, we reimagined the entire floor plan to create standardized faculty offices that can seamlessly accommodate fluctuations in department sizes over time without necessitating major construction efforts.

The focal point of the first floor is the expansive student lounge, strategically positioned at the heart of the building's corridor. A standout feature of this space is the generously sized widow which now opens to the South porch. This modification not only floods the main corridor with natural light but also establishes the lounge as a central student study area and a bustling hub for the language department

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR SPECIAL FEATURES: (limit to 150 words or less)

- Complete reprogramming of an existing campus building instead of demolition and new construction
- Big changes in the floor plan to bring in natural light
- Flexible student spaces to support language learning and support multiple department occupants



Exterior South Porch



Classroom 230

AFTER

McAlister Hall



Seminar 108



Language Learning Lab 102



Student Lounge 120



Collaboration 120F

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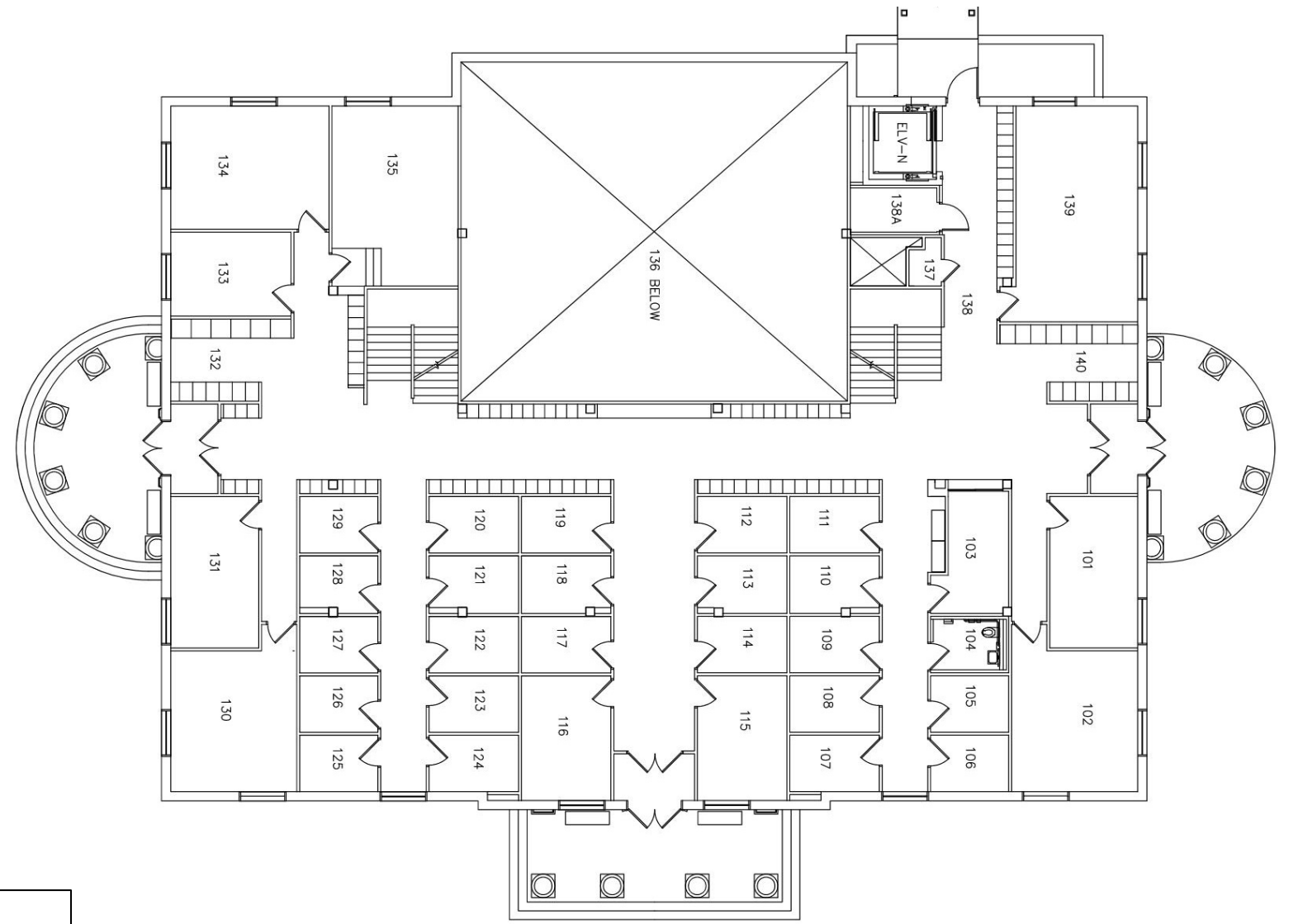
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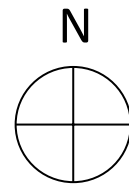
Seminar 236

PORTION OF PROJECT DESIGNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- PROGRAMMING
- SPACE PLANNING FURNITURE LAYOUT
- FURNITURE SPECIFICATION
- FINISH SPECIFICATION-Assisted
- WINDOW TREATMENT SPECIFICATION
- GENERAL LIGHTING SPECIFICATION -Assisted
- SPECIALTY LIGHTING SPECIFICATION -Assisted
- CEILING TREATMENT
- GENERAL SIGNAGE
- SPECIALTY SIGNAGE
- PROJECT COORDINATION AND REVIEW

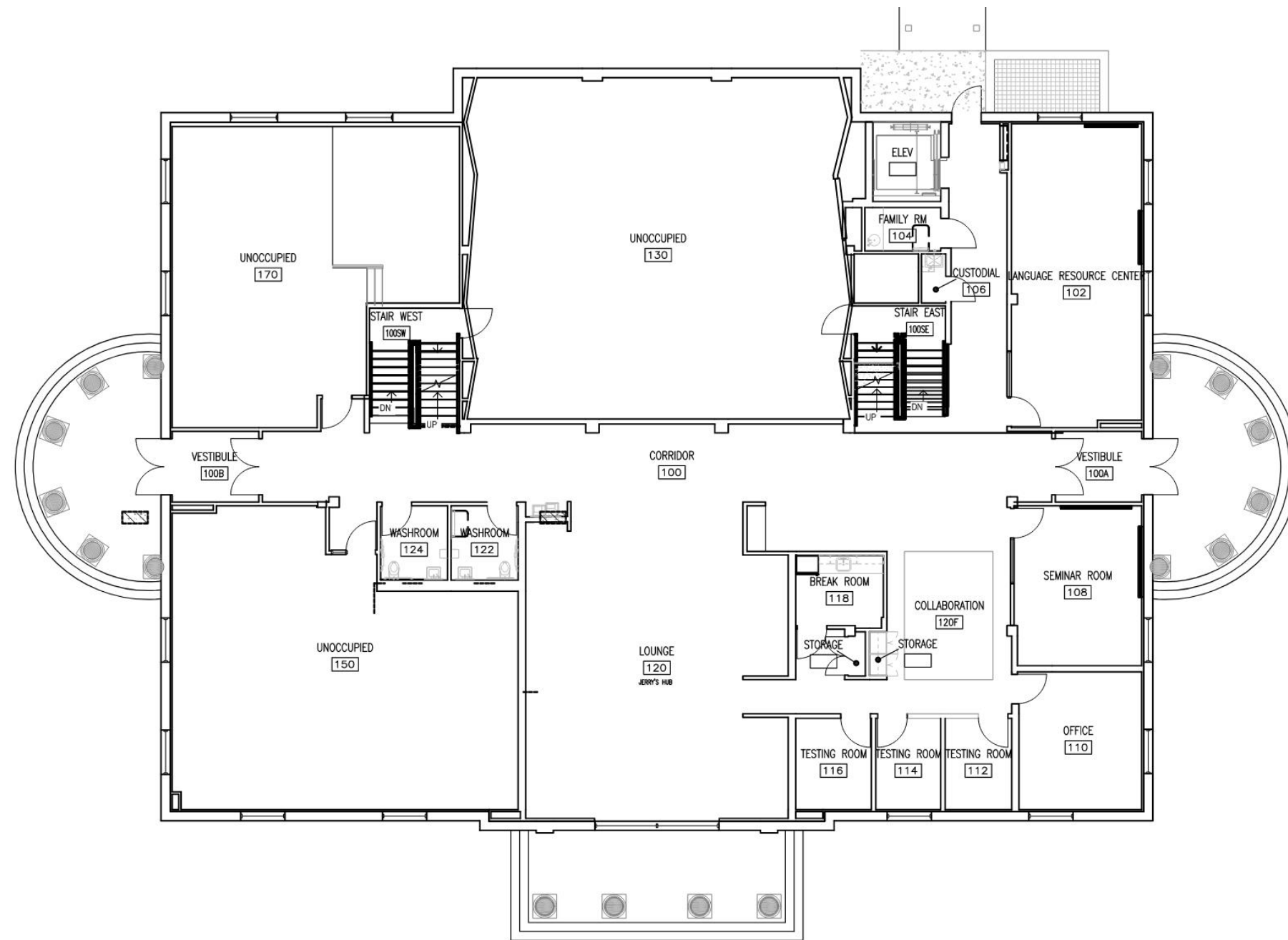


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First Floor Plan

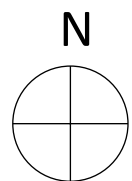


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Second Floor Plan

McAlister Hall



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First Floor Plan



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