



Hartley Hall

Full-Building Renovation and Infrastructure Upgrade

Columbia University is performing a full-building renovation and infrastructure upgrade at Hartley residence hall. The scope of work includes the upgrade of student rooms, bathrooms, offices, the main lounge, floor lounges, public corridors, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing modernization as well as new fire alarm system and fire alarm protection upgrades. Originally built in 1905, this will be the first major upgrade to Hartley Hall since the 1980s, and will bring the building up to current building code and best practice standards.

Construction Activities for the Weeks of September 14, 2026 and September 21, 2026

Although contractors carefully stage construction activities to minimize disruption, the nature of construction work is such that some disruptions will occur. The community should expect the following in the coming weeks:

What is Happening

- Interior demolition is ongoing, which will include chopping.
- Interior steel work and steel deliveries are ongoing.
- Concrete deliveries are ongoing for steel and concrete infills of floor openings.
- Layout and interior fitout to build rooms on the 4th through 9th floors.
- Duct work is ongoing throughout the building.
- Replacement of windows on the 8th floor.
- Installation of mechanical piping throughout the building.
- Installation of spray foam on walls is ongoing.
- Core drilling within the interior of the building.

What to Expect

- Regular work will take place during New York City standard construction hours, Monday through Friday, with after-hours and Saturday work in accordance with all required permits.
- Demolition debris will be carted to a packer truck. A flag person will be available to direct pedestrian traffic on the west side of Amsterdam Ave.
- Noise from carting trucks to remove waste and debris, often arriving outside of regular work hours. Carting trucks are particularly prevalent during the demolition phase.
- Noise from concrete delivery trucks.
- Noise from the hoist operation, which will be operating throughout work hours for the duration of the project.
- Daily material deliveries will take place over the next few months.
- Please note that there is a narrow walkway on Amsterdam Ave. in front of Hartley Hall. Flag people will be on the sidewalk and pedestrian crosswalks directing materials into the building.
- Parking will not be available on the west side of Amsterdam Avenue adjacent to Hartley Hall. This space will be used as a designated loading area for delivery trucks for the duration of the project.
- Construction workers will access Hartley Hall via Amsterdam Ave.
- Expect other impacts typically associated with construction projects.

-Please note that all activities are subject to change based on weather and other field conditions-

For More Information

You can find the latest construction information on our website at cufo.columbia.edu/hartleyrenovation. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please call the Columbia University Facilities Services Center at (212) 854-2222 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or e-mail projx@columbia.edu (emails responded to during normal business hours). We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience while we perform this work.