



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 Week of November 24, 2025 and December 1, 2025

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

- Removal of window and installation of construction entrance setup on Amsterdam Ave. the week of December 1, including modification of existing scaffolding.
- Interior demolition of interior finishes, fixtures, and partitions.
- Installation of site fencing around Hartley, including site fence on the west side facing the interior of campus.
- Installation of interior access ramp inside the building.
- Preparation of window opening/exterior walls on Amsterdam for upcoming construction hoist installation.

What to Expect

- Regular work will take place during New York City standard construction hours, Monday through Friday, with after-hours work performed as needed in accordance with all required permits.
- Work will not take place on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.
- Installation of site fencing on the west side of Hartley Hall; sidewalk bridges. Pedestrian traffic in campus will be redirected during construction hours.
- 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.
- Parking will not be available on the west side of Amsterdam Ave. adjacent to Hartley Hall.
- Construction workers will access Hartley Hall via Amsterdam Ave.
- Expect noise, truck deliveries, and 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.