

**2.15 Architectural Design Guidelines Element  
Goals, Objectives and Policies  
2010-2020 Campus Master Plan Update**

**GOAL 1: Develop a campus which recognizes a legacy of consistency and excellence in the architecture already in place, and sets a standard of excellence for future design endeavors.**

**OBJECTIVE 1.1: To define the elements of consistency (materials, massing, color, detailing, etc.) that exist in the current campus so as to derive the principals to govern future designs and development.**

**POLICY 1.1.1:** Buildings in the academic core are generally between three (3) and four (4) stories in height; however, buildings can exceed four (4) stories in height based on the height of adjacent structures, functional characteristics and aesthetic considerations. Exceeding six (6) stories in height must be approved by the Administration during the programming or initial design process.

**POLICY 1.1.2:** Buildings outside the core are generally between one (1) and four (4) stories in height; buildings can also exceed six (6) stories in height, if approved by the Administration during the programming or initial design process.

**POLICY 1.1.3:** Brick is the predominant building material on campus. Masonry and glass are secondary materials of enclosure.

**POLICY 1.1.4:** Architectural details are generally rendered in masonry.

**OBJECTIVE 1.2: To create a palette of materials, textures, colors and scale that will continue the traditions of the existing architecture.**

**POLICY 1.2.1:** Future campus buildings shall emulate the established qualities described in objective 1.1.

**POLICY 1.2.2:** The predominant masonry material on campus building facades shall continue to be brick.

**POLICY 1.2.3:** Architectural details shall generally be done in masonry, in order to provide visual interest and relief.

**POLICY 1.2.4:** The blend of brick materials that produces the "UCF Blend" shall be emphasized as the preferable blend, and brick that is not of a reddish tone or color, not currently used on campus, will be disallowed.

**POLICY 1.2.5:** The use of reflective glass has been discontinued as of July 1995.

**POLICY 1.2.6:** The maximum height of buildings shall not normally exceed six (6) stories. Buildings can exceed six (6) stories in height, if approved by the Administration during the programming or initial design process.

**POLICY 1.2.7:** Screen walls and service area enclosure materials, colors and finishes shall be consistent with the exterior elevations of the buildings which they serve.

**POLICY 1.2.8:** Project proposals shall comply with the UCF Design Guidelines published by the Office of Facilities Planning.

**POLICY 1.2.9:** The final judgment on matters concerning aesthetics and architectural character, for campus project proposals, shall be reserved for the President of the University.

**POLICY 1.2.10:** The Director of Facilities Planning shall review each design proposal for individual merit. Provisions shall be made so that unique or innovative design solutions appropriate to the atmosphere of a thoughtful academic community shall not be discouraged by campus policies or guidelines.

**POLICY 1.2.11:** The Office of the Director of Facilities Planning shall review each newly constructed, renovated or remodeled facility six months after completion so that any necessary adjustments may be made to the UCF Design Guidelines.

**POLICY 1.2.12:** The designs for buildings on satellite campuses shall be afforded a courtesy review by the Office of the Director of Facilities Planning, for comment on the ways in which the quality of those designs may reflect the standards set forth by the UCF Design Guidelines.

**OBJECTIVE 1.3: To adhere to existing guidelines and minimum standards for the campus graphics and signage program that will be harmonious with the architecture and landscape, and will stress permanence.**

**POLICY 1.3.1:** Campus building graphics and signage shall comply with the UCF Design Guidelines. Building names will be displayed on the building near their respective main entrances.

**OBJECTIVE 1.4: To establish guidelines and minimum standards for energy efficiency and life cycle costing.**

**POLICY 1.4.1:** New buildings shall comply with the UCF Design Guidelines.

**OBJECTIVE 1.5: To establish guidelines and minimum standards for site lighting, plaza, sidewalk and other hardscape materials, furniture, building illumination, and landscape materials and design, and other elements that contribute to the overall environment and safety of the campus.**

**POLICY 1.5.1:** Hardscape materials for plazas and sidewalks shall be medium broom-finished and poured-in-place concrete. Exceptions may be made in special areas, such as campus entrances, where a specific contrast or effect is desired.

**POLICY 1.5.2:** Primary walkways (400', 800' and 1200' radii) shall be 16 feet in width. Secondary walkways (all others) shall be a minimum of 6 feet in width.

**POLICY 1.5.3:** Site lighting and furniture, hardscape materials and design shall conform with the UCF Architectural Guidelines.

**POLICY 1.5.4:** New building construction shall consider the use of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) concepts and principles to improve campus safety.

**OBJECTIVE 1.6: To establish guidelines and standards for building siting and linkages that give consideration to campus safety issues.**

**POLICY 1.6.1:** When applicable, future academic core buildings shall be sited so that their pedestrian entrances face the 800 foot radius (Mercury Circle) and their service entrances occur on the opposite end. Such siting will segregate vehicular and service traffic away from major pedestrian zones.

**POLICY 1.6.2:** When applicable, future academic buildings situated inside the 800 foot radius (Mercury Circle) shall be serviced from the 400 foot radius (Pegasus Circle). Academic buildings which fall outside of the 800 foot radius (Mercury Circle) will be serviced off of Gemini Blvd, when applicable.

**POLICY 1.6.3:** Projects enhancing campus safety and disabled accessibility shall be prioritized according to the following order:

- **Priority 1**  
Projects which reduce pedestrian vs. vehicular conflicts.

- **Priority 2**  
Projects which reduce bicycle vs. vehicular conflicts.
- **Priority 3**  
Projects which remove barriers to people with disabilities.
- **Priority 4**  
Projects which enhance lighting conditions on campus.
- **Priority 5**  
Projects which reduce bicycle vs. pedestrian conflicts.

**OBJECTIVE 1.7: To establish guidelines and minimum standards for architectural treatments along the campus edges that coordinate with the host community.**

**POLICY 1.7.1:** An information kiosk, made of brick, may be located at each (existing or proposed) vehicular entrance into campus.

**POLICY 1.7.2:** Campus entrances shall be kept as open corridors looking into and out of campus.

**POLICY 1.7.3:** Campus entrances shall be further articulated with unique or contrasting landscape and/or architectural elements that distinguish them from campus edge treatments.

**OBJECTIVE 1.8: To include references in the UCF Design Guidelines to standards mandated by State Legislation and Standards for the State University System developed by the Office of Capital Programs.**

**POLICY 1.8.1:** The Director of Facilities Planning shall establish procedures for the review of all project proposals to ensure compliance with the UCF Design Guidelines.