

TOP 10 QUESTIONS

Architecture Building Post-Beryl

1. What happened to the building during Hurricane Beryl?

High winds tore the roof off the east wing of the architecture building, subsequently causing significant water damage throughout the second, third, and fourth floors.

2. What has been done to ensure the building is safe to enter?

Immediately following Beryl, UH Facilities brought restoration crews to campus to assess damage to the architecture building and swiftly begin restoration work. Students, faculty, staff, and visitors were not allowed in the building for weeks out of safety concerns. The remediation phase is complete, and construction has begun. While work continues throughout the building, UH Facilities has cleared the Hines College to utilize non-restricted building areas and start the fall 2024 semester.

3. Can we enter the restricted areas?

No, do not enter the clearly marked restricted areas throughout the building. Doing so may result in limited access to the building. If faculty need access to impacted offices in the east wing, they must make arrangements with associate dean Trang Phan to gain access.

4. Where are studios located?

Faculty should be reaching out to students directly to inform them where their studio is located. If you are a student who has not yet heard from your instructor, please get in touch with them to learn your studio location.

5. What restrooms are available?

At this time, restrooms are only available on the first floor. As construction progresses, additional restrooms will open as soon as construction crews can make them available. Please consider using restrooms in the surrounding buildings.

6. Are the elevators available?

Only one elevator will be operational for student, faculty, and staff use. The other elevator is designated for construction crews. When exiting the elevator on the second, third, and fourth floors, follow the authorized path to exit the elevator bank area. Do not enter restricted areas.

7. Can I access the building after hours?

Faculty and staff will regain card access to the building starting Monday, August 19. Students enrolled in a studio will gain card access on Monday, August 26, as studio enrollments stabilize and construction areas are secured. Students, faculty, and staff are not allowed to enter restricted areas. If these boundaries are not respected, our card access will be revoked, and use of the building will be further limited.

8. When is construction anticipated to be complete?

UH Facilities and the Hines College are doing everything possible to minimize distractions; however, construction noise and dust are expected as crews work to fully restore the building for our pre-Beryl use. Please plan accordingly for these disruptions. While some areas will open gradually as construction progresses, construction is not expected to be fully complete until later in the fall semester.

9. Are the computer lab and Jenkins Library open in the architecture building?

The College's computer lab will open Monday, August 19, operating Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. The Jenkins Library remains closed, and services are available through the MD Anderson Library, operating Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm; and Sunday, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

10. Was the Keeland Lab impacted?

No, Beryl did not impact Keeland Lab.