A HUB FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION

The FedEx Global Education Center provides an inviting environment that expands upon the University’s public service mission domestically and across the globe. The building was constructed in 2007 as a tangible demonstration of the University’s commitment to a global education. It offers students, faculty, staff, alumni, North Carolina citizens, and international guests a departure point for journeys of discovery of the world. Funded in large part by the 2000 North Carolina Higher Education Bond Referendum, a generous gift from the FedEx Corporation, and support from other UNC alumni and friends, the building is a means for engaging the Carolina community in international issues.

In the Building

The Global Education Center brings together three major components of global education: student and faculty services, academic instruction, and programs and research. The building includes:

- Four seminar and conference rooms, including the Arthur and Martha DeBerry Board Room
- Five high-tech classrooms
- James and Florence Peacock Atrium
- 250-seat Nelson Mandela Auditorium
- Garden terrace and sustainable green roof
- Patios and an outdoor performance venue
- Global Cup Café, featuring international cuisine and coffee

In addition to an exciting array of international courses, there are often courses in disciplines outside of global studies, helping introduce many students to international issues. The Global Education Center encourages interdisciplinary inquiry and communication, including the sponsorship of a wide variety of activities that bring together interested faculty and students from a number of academic departments. These various programs enhance the University’s ability to promote globally focused projects such as creating and managing funding for international opportunities, producing and disseminating resources, and bolstering curriculum development.

- African Studies Center
- Carolina Asia Center
- Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
- Center for European Studies/ European Union Center of Excellence
- Center for Global Initiatives
The James and Florence Peacock Atrium, surrounded by offices and classrooms, is often utilized to showcase exhibitions.

The fourth floor roof contains two drought-tolerant sedum gardens that minimize stormwater runoff and provide a relaxing environment for students, faculty, visitors, and staff.

- Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies
- Curriculum in Global Studies
- Diplomat in Residence, U.S. Department of State
- Global Research Institute
- Institute for the Study of the Americas
- International Student and Scholar Services
- Study Abroad Office
- UNC Global Development and Global Relations

**Sustainable Design**

Recognizing our responsibility to the environment, the building helped to set a new standard on campus for sustainable design. Underneath the lawn of the FedEx Global Education Center is an approximately 50,000 gallon cistern which stores rainwater from the building’s visitor-accessible green roof to be recycled for use within the restrooms. The front of the building includes window fins, an innovative way to sun-shade a building while making light available for use. In an effort to reduce landfill waste, the FedEx Global Education Center has partnered with the UNC Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling to begin a pilot composting program. Selected staff members undergo training to learn proper composting guidelines.

**About the Architect**

The FedEx Global Education Center was designed by award-winning architect Andrea Leers of Leers Weinzapfel Associates, a Boston-based firm that has garnered an international reputation for their beautiful and innovative modern designs.