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The FedEx 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 classrooms
- James and Florence Peacock Atrium
- 250-seat Nelson Mandela Auditorium
- Garden terrace and sustainable green roof
- Patios and an outdoor performance venue
- ExpressOasis, a coffee shop and cafe

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Units in the Building

- African Studies Center
- Carolina Asia Center
- Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations

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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.