

INTRODUCTION

The main campus of the University of Florida, situated in Gainesville, Florida, is considered to be a vital public facility, which provides substantial educational, economic, and cultural benefits to the people of the State of Florida. The various University entities responsible for the operation, maintenance, renovation, construction, and general care of the University's buildings, utilities, and grounds require construction that is complete, durable, easily maintained, safe, and compatible with existing and planned facilities. These Standards have been established to express the requirements common to all University of Florida facilities (excluding IFAS extension facilities) including Appendixes that express specific requirements with the intention they be used as a guide by the Design Professional in developing project designs.

The Standards generally adhere to the format of the Construction Specifications Institute's (CSI) "Master List of Titles and Numbers for the Construction Industry" (1988 Edition). However, because the University has no specific University-wide requirements relating to many of the sections contained within the CSI specifications, only certain sections from the CSI "Master List" are included in these Standards.

Included in these Standards are various design-related policies, procedures, and guidelines that do not appropriately fit under any of the section or division headings of the CSI format. To include this information within these Standards in an organized manner, a separate division was created following the Introduction and titled "General Design Guidelines."

These Standards are not intended to be a complete specification in any of the areas addressed. The Design Professional should note that the responsibility of conveying these Standards to the Constructor should be accomplished by including an adequate description of the applicable requirements in project documents and not by reference to these Standards.

It should also be noted that compliance with these Standards should in no way constitute a waiver of liability of the Design Professional.

These Standards are general in nature and, as such, specific site conditions, code requirements or regulations may warrant a deviation from the Standards. In such cases, the University's Project Manager should be notified before proceeding with the design.

The University recognizes that its design and construction consultants are often more aware of industry standards and emerging trends, so continuous feedback and suggestions for improving these Standards are welcomed.