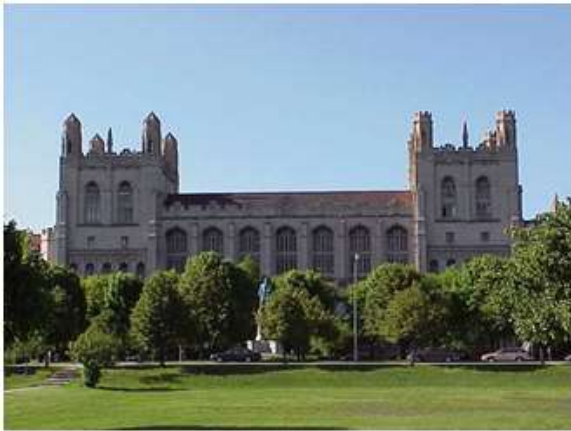


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Address: 1116 East 59th Street

Year Construction: 1912

Year Acquired: 1912

Architect: Shepley Rutan and Coolidge

Gross Square Feet: 150,552

Primary Use: Study

Design Zone: Main Quadrangle

Last Major Renovation:

1972 reconfiguration to office and classroom space

Comments:

1972 reconfiguration from Library to office and classroom space by Metz Train Olson & Youngren; piecemeal systems upgrades and room renovations since then.

REGULATORY STATUS

National Register: Not individually listed

NR Historic District:

Hyde Park-Kenwood Historic District

Chicago HRS Color Code: Orange

1 - Site

Land Ownership Status: Owned

Location - Physical:

No comment

Location - Program Adjacency:

Connected via enclosed walkways to Stuart Hall and Haskell Hall. Connected at first floor to SSR. Connected at all floors to Wieboldt Hall.

Location Comment:

Significant southern terminus of main north/south axis through main quad.

2 - Adaptability

Construction Type:

Reinforced concrete construction

Accessibility:

Entrance - Yes; Bathrooms - Partial

Floor-to-Floor Height:

1st: 16'-10", 2nd: 13'-10", 3rd: 22'-10", 4th: 14'-0", 5th: 14'-2", 6th: 14'-0"

Structural Capability:

Adaptable subject to structural analysis.

Adaptability Exterior:

Original exterior is substantially intact. Large reading room volume impacts adaptability.

Adaptability Interior:

Interior of tower offices: Adaptable within construction type constraints.

Lower level (stack areas): Highly adaptable for other uses within construction type constraints

Adaptability Physical Features:

Tower elements and reading room volume form significant iconic presence at the south of the main quad.

Adaptability Structure:

Adaptable within construction type constraints.

3 - Building Envelope

Roof Type: Clay Tile / Built-up (Never Repl.)

Exterior Facade:

Limestone

Exterior Base: Limestone

Exterior Trim: Limestone

4 - Heritage and Historic

Landmark Status:

None

National Register: Not individually listed

NR Historic District:

Hyde Park-Kenwood Historic District

NR Comments:

Architectural significance, item #107 on district nomination form

CHRS Comments:

Possesses potentially significant architectural or historical features

Heritage - Exterior:

Iconic campus presence facing the main quad and the midway. Masonry facade and windows are

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substantially original and intact. East and west towers are dissimilar in detailing and feature significant stone carving.

Heritage - Interior:

Reading Room, first floor classrooms, corridors and stairways exhibit significant original architectural features and distinctive character. West entry lobby features significant original carved wood ceiling and decorative elements.

Significant Spaces Identified:

Room #350 - Reading Room

Heritage Culture Elements:

Original main library connected to departmental reading rooms through walkways to adjacent buildings. Former main floor circulation/card catalog rooms renovated for large classroom use. Tower offices feature significant campus views.

Architectural Awards Certification:

None identified

Heritage and History - General Comments:

Original undergraduate library reading room and support spaces including extensive lower level stack storage. Relocation of library use functions allows for reconfiguration.

5 - Sustainability

Certifications:

none identified

Window Last Replacement:

Weather Stripping:

not identified

R Value Roof/Wall:

not identified

Systems:

Deficiencies: