

# CLAXTON COMPLEX RENOVATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE



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Overall View of the Complex

**AWAM** was half of a joint venture that designed the College of Education renovation and Department of Computer Science addition. The project received the AIA East Tennessee Honor Award in 2001 and the Masonry Institute of TN Excellence in Masonry Merit Award in 2002. The complex is located in the center of campus where major vehicular and pedestrian corridors intersect. The site design features landscaped open green spaces separating the complex from the street thus providing a pedestrian friendly passage through the heavily traveled intersection. The existing 60,000 s.f. 1957 Philander P. Claxton Building was gutted and completely renovated. This 82,720 sf renovation and new construction was completed 2000 at a total construction cost of \$8,830,523, or \$107/sf.

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Main Entry off Pedestrian Mall



Outdoor Plaza adjacent to Volunteer Blvd.



Classroom/Seminar Space



Atrium Lobby



Monumental Staircase



View Toward Addition and New Entry from Pedestrian Mall