



SOC's

MOVE TO MCKINLEY

student FAQ

Q: I have a class in McKinley next semester. Is it guaranteed that McKinley will be finished by January 2014?

A: Yes! McKinley will be open for classes on the first day of Spring Semester, January 13, 2014. Once we receive the building certificate of occupancy, in mid December, we will begin moving into McKinley.

Q: What exactly will be open and ready for use in January?

A: All of the classrooms, computer lab facilities, and faculty and staff offices will be open in January. The Media Innovation Lab, the Malsi Doyle and Michael Forman Theater, and Rooftop Patio will be available later in the semester.

Q: Will the continued preparation of some parts of the building create disturbances or noise issues?

A: No. When classes begin, the remaining work to those spaces will be cosmetic—such as touch-up painting and final programming of the technology. No jackhammering or blowtorches are to be expected.

Q: How many classrooms will there be in the building?

A: There will be three standard classrooms and one large event or classroom space located on the first floor. There will also be four computer lab-classrooms. These spaces will be similar to the current Philips and Advanced Lab in MGC, and will be open as many hours as possible.

Q: Are there going to be any student work spaces?

A: Yes. There will be two computer labs dedicated for students. The new building will also include more than 100 seats for informal student use in 11 open common areas. This does not include the forty-five additional seats on the Rooftop Patio.

Q: Which professional and academic centers will now be based within the McKinley building?

A: The Investigative Reporting Workshop, the J Lab, the Center for Media and Social Impact, Center for Environmental Filmmaking, and the doctoral program will now all have space in McKinley.

Q: What times will the building be open for student use?

A: The building will be open from 6:30 a.m. — 1:00 a.m. At 8:30 a.m. all labs will be opened and fully staffed. In order to stay past these hours, students will have to arrange an extension beforehand.

Q: How many seats will the Malsi Doyle and Michael Forman Theater have?

A: The theater will have 144 seats. This compares to the currently existing Wechsler Theater, which has 107 seats.

Q: What's the coolest spot in McKinley?

A: The Rooftop Patio. SOC will be the only school with one! Another cool spot is the Media Innovation Lab. At 2,400 square feet, it is a technically sophisticated, interdisciplinary space where students can create content across media platforms. It is also equipped with a video wall.

