

**Whitman College
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey
(2002 - 2006)**

- Client: Princeton University
- Construction Cost: \$ 110 million dollars USD
- New Construction
- Project size: 265,000 sq ft gross

In December 2001, Princeton University commissioned a feasibility study for a new flagship four-year project, the Whitman College. The general aim of the study was to investigate issues of buildability, cost and program. In April 2002, Porphyrios Associates were appointed Design Architects for the new Whitman College, with Einhorn Yaffee Prescott acting as Executive Architects.



The new Whitman College presents a composition of advancing and receding dormitory building volumes organised around a number of open courts. Designed in the Princeton Collegiate Gothic, the buildings complement the rich inventory of classical and gothic buildings of Princeton.

The new Whitman College makes reference to the wider context of the historic Princeton campus and the great humanist tradition of its collegiate architecture. This is an architecture of robust, durable, civil and beautiful buildings. Their materials weather, age and mature with usage and time.

The buildings will have robust external envelopes while internally they have a degree of flexibility allowing, for example, some of the residential student accommodation to be adapted in the future. The solid, traditional materials of the exterior fabric produce buildings which are user and maintenance friendly.

Whitman College is Princeton University's flagship four-year college. It provides accommodation for 498 undergraduate, ten graduate students and one visiting fellow, together with all the communal facilities necessary for a rewarding experience of college life.

While having its own unique identity, Whitman College integrates spatially and stylistically with the historic campus of Princeton University. The new buildings are conceived in the robust building tradition of Princeton Collegiate Gothic. Their composition is variegated and imbued with a sense of continuity with the Princeton campus in terms of scale, picturesque formal organization and Princeton traditional materials.

If architecture is to justify its existence, it must continue to occupy itself with values. The new Whitman College furthers a tradition that has permanent value and perpetual modernity.