

Northwestern

FACILITIES

DESIGN GUIDELINES for INTERIOR FINISHES

The following is a summary of recommended interior finishes for the most common space types. Review project specific requirements with the NU Project Manager. Review requirements for specialty spaces including auditoriums, research labs, residential spaces, and food service with the NU Manager.

Space Type	Design Considerations	Flooring	Wall Base	Walls	Ceiling
Entrances / Vestibules	High Volume Traffic Slip Resistance Walk-off mats Acoustic Considerations STC 45-50 Separation	Review options with NU Project Manager	Review options with NU Project Manager	Acrylic latex paint Low VOC Satin Finish Review alternatives with NU Project Manager	Gypsum ceiling board; Review alternatives with NU Project Manager
Lobbies	High Volume Traffic Slip Resistance Acoustic Considerations STC 45-50 Separation	Review options with NU Project Manager	Review options with NU Project Manager	Review options with NU Project Manager	Review options with NU Project Manager
Corridors	High Volume Traffic Slip Resistance Acoustic Considerations STC 50 Separation	Resilient tile or sheet; Patterned carpet	6-inch high rubber Color to match flooring. White is not allowed.	Acrylic latex paint Low VOC Satin Finish	Suspended acoustic ceiling system 9/16-inch suspended ceiling grid Acoustic ceiling panels 0.65 NRC / 0.85 LRV

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Stairways	High Volume Traffic Slip Resistance Acoustic Considerations STC 45-50 Separation	Concrete or terrazzo stair treads Review alternatives with NU Project Manager	Review options with NU Project Manager	Epoxy paint Low VOC Eggshell Finish Wall protection	Suspended acoustic ceiling system 9/16-inch suspended ceiling grid Acoustic ceiling panels 0.65 NRC / 0.85 LRV
Classrooms	Medium Volume Traffic Acoustic Considerations STC 50 Separation Dimmable / Controllable Lighting	Resilient tile or sheet	6-inch high rubber Color to match flooring. White is not allowed.	Acrylic latex paint Low VOC Satin Finish	Suspended acoustic ceiling system 9/16-inch suspended ceiling grid Acoustic ceiling panels 0.65 NRC / 0.85 LRV
Computer Labs	Medium Volume Traffic Acoustic Considerations STC 50 Separation Dimmable / Controllable Lighting	Resilient tile or sheet; Patterned carpet	6-inch high rubber Color to match flooring. White is not allowed.	Acrylic latex paint Low VOC Satin Finish	Suspended acoustic ceiling system 9/16-inch suspended ceiling grid Acoustic ceiling panels 0.65 NRC / 0.85 LRV
Labs – Dry	Medium Volume Traffic Acoustic Considerations STC 45-50 Separation Dimmable / Controllable Lighting	Resilient sheet; Epoxy	6-inch high rubber; Integral epoxy wall base Color to match flooring. White is not allowed.	Acrylic latex paint Low VOC Satin Finish	Suspended acoustic ceiling system 9/16-inch suspended ceiling grid Acoustic ceiling panels 0.65 NRC / 0.85 LRV

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Labs – Wet	Medium Volume Traffic Acoustic Considerations STC 45-50 Separation Dimmable / Controllable Lighting Slip Resistance / Spills / Chemical Staining	Resilient sheet; Epoxy	6-inch high rubber; Integral epoxy wall base Color to match flooring. White is not allowed.	Acrylic latex paint Low VOC Satin Finish	Suspended acoustic ceiling system 9/16-inch suspended ceiling grid Acoustic ceiling panels 0.65 NRC / 0.85 LRV
Offices	Low Volume Traffic STC 45-50 Separation Dimmable / Controllable Lighting	Patterned carpet tile	6-inch high rubber Color to match flooring. White is not allowed.	Acrylic latex paint Low VOC Satin Finish	Suspended acoustic ceiling system 9/16-inch suspended ceiling grid Acoustic ceiling panels 0.65 NRC / 0.85 LRV
Conference Room	Low Volume Traffic Acoustic Considerations STC 50-55 Separation Dimmable / Controllable Lighting Audio/Visual Systems	Patterned carpet tile	6-inch high rubber Color to match flooring. White is not allowed.	Acrylic latex paint Low VOC Satin Finish	Suspended acoustic ceiling system 9/16-inch suspended ceiling grid Acoustic ceiling panels 0.65 NRC / 0.85 LRV
Copy Room	Medium Volume Traffic Acoustic Considerations STC 45-50 Separation Dimmable / Controllable Lighting Chemical Staining	Resilient tile or sheet; Patterned carpet tile	6-inch high rubber Color to match flooring. White is not allowed.	Acrylic latex paint Low VOC Satin Finish	Suspended acoustic ceiling system 9/16-inch suspended ceiling grid Acoustic ceiling panels 0.65 NRC / 0.85 LRV

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Storage Room	Low Volume Traffic STC 50 Separation Built-in shelving vs. furniture	Resilient tile or sheet; Patterned carpet	6-inch high rubber Color to match flooring. White is not allowed.	Acrylic latex paint Low VOC Satin Finish	Suspended acoustic ceiling system 9/16-inch suspended ceiling grid Acoustic ceiling panels 0.65 NRC / 0.85 LRV
Public Restroom	High Volume Traffic STC 50 Separation Slip Resistance / Spills	Ceramic Tile; Porcelain Tile; Terrazzo;	Ceramic Tile; Porcelain Tile; Terrazzo;	Ceramic Tile; Porcelain Tile;	Gypsum ceiling board; Suspended acoustic ceiling system 9/16-inch suspended ceiling grid Acoustic / moisture resistant ceiling panels 0.65 NRC / 0.85 LRV
Pantry / Vending Area	High Volume Traffic STC 50 Separation Slip Resistance / Spills	LVT VCT Ceramic Tile Porcelain Tile	6-inch high rubber Ceramic Tile; Porcelain Tile;	Epoxy paint Low VOC Eggshell Finish Wall protection	Suspended acoustic ceiling system 9/16-inch suspended ceiling grid Acoustic ceiling panels 0.65 NRC / 0.85 LRV
Janitors Closet	Low Volume Traffic STC 50 Separation Slip Resistance / Spills / Chemical Staining	Epoxy Floor Coating; Resilient tile or sheet	6-inch high rubber Color to match flooring. White is not allowed.	Epoxy paint Low VOC Eggshell Finish Wall protection	Suspended acoustic ceiling system 9/16-inch suspended ceiling grid Acoustic ceiling panels 0.65 NRC / 0.85 LRV

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Mechanical / Electrical Rooms	Low Volume Traffic STC 50 Separation Review specific requirements in Design Guidelines	Epoxy Floor Coating: Battleship Gray	6-inch high rubber Color to match flooring. White is not allowed.	Epoxy paint: white Low VOC Eggshell Finish	Exposed construction, painted: white
Elevator Machine Room	Low Volume Traffic STC 50 Separation Review specific requirements in Design Guidelines Paint elevator pits and walls to 4'0" high with Acrylic Epoxy, No VOC, black	Epoxy Floor Coating: Battleship Gray	6-inch high rubber Color to match flooring. White is not allowed.	Latex Enamel paint: white Low VOC	Exposed construction, painted: white