



ARCH 2431 BUILDING TECH III

CASE STUDY ASSIGNMENT 02

Semester long research / case study

This assignment is a detailed research based case study of an existing steel frame building. The will involve the drawing of a set of construction well-coordinated document drawings. As you draw look to investigate how the building was constructed and organized. There are many questions to consider. What materials is it made from and how is the building assembled? Where is the structure, what are the spans and how far apart are the columns? What is the exterior skin and how it is attached? Where are the mechanical components, the air intake, and the mechanical room and how is fresh air circulated? Where are the main circulation components, the stairs and elevators and how do they facilitate safe egress from the building?

Selecting a Project

The case study subject needs to a steel frame building that meets the following criteria:

- *Located in NYC (one of the five boroughs) so that you can visit it often*
- *Has public access (CUNY buildings, Museums, Public Commercial Buildings, etc.)*
- *Multistory (4 or more floors) so that it has stair and elevator cores.*
- *Large public lobby/atrium with a double height space preferably with a monumental stair (stair optional).*
- *Two or more materials on the façade. For example glass curtain wall and metal panel system.*

Coordinated Views:

- *Detail studies will consist of multiple sets of three or more coordinated views as well as an isometric with annotations and dimensions.*

Case studies drawing set: *as a minimum the drawing set should include:*

- *Cover sheet – with 3D images, drawings list, abbreviations and symbols*
- *Architectural Floor plans – (entry level) to include walls, doors, door schedules, room and door numbers, structural columns & grid, dimensions, shaft openings, stairs & core. Additional floors are optional.*
- *Reflected Ceiling Plan – Entry level RCP. Show all visible elements including lights, mechanical supply return, sprinklers, and exit signs. A version of this drawing will show color coded fire ratings.*
- *Egress Study Plan – Identifies key dimensions for egress including corridor width, size of doors for rooms. Includes calculations and may also include a building section. Rated walls identified by type and color coded on plan. Exit signs. Partitions types to be included.*
- *Occupancy Plan Study – Areas of rooms, determine the number of occupants. May be combined with Egress.*
- *Exterior Elevations & Building Sections- includes windows sheet & window schedule*

Research:

The most critical part of this case study assignment is to conduct thorough research. This may include contacting the architect, looking for publications on the building, contacting the manufacturer, research details on the various building systems, understanding applicable building, fire and safety codes to identify how they affected the construction of the building. As part of your selection process you must be certain adequate information on the selected building is available.

The Team & the Individual:

Teams will be setup based on project selection. Each team (2 or 3 members) is responsible for developing and adhering to a schedule and must develop their own critical path to complete the work. A critical path identifies all tasks needed to complete the work, estimates the time required for each task and puts these in sequential order, addressing issues of team work, the fair division of labor and internal team deadlines. In particular critical path looks to identify tasks that must be completed before others can begin. Students may share research with team members but each student must create their own drawings. Drawings files may not be shared.

Reviews:

There will be a series of graded reviews throughout the semester that will contribute to a cumulative grade.

Grading:

***Case study research and presentation projects represent 40% of your semester grade.*