

## Rawls College of Business Administration



Aerial View

**Project Description:** The project has resulted in the construction of a 149,000 gross square foot academic space of three floors, with a full basement, which was completed in December 2011. The project site is in a growing and rapidly changing area of the campus. The new Rawls College of Business Administration and its well-proportioned south courtyard is a building anchor to a pedestrian axis which continues south to the existing English, Philosophy and Education quadrangle. To the north, the building serves as an entry and visual anchor to visitors arriving from the nearby Marsha Sharp Freeway, while its on-site parking and service court remains both handsomely removed from the main entry axis, but still easily connected to the newly-created 9<sup>th</sup> Street vehicular corridor which connects the north campus and athletics area to the campus medical district to the northwest. The new Rawls College of Business facility will provide a superior learning environment for students, faculty, and staff through the use of more than 23 multimedia-integrated classrooms, a 250-seat auditorium, spacious lounge areas, conference rooms, and informal open seating areas, all designed to promote interaction. Dining services, providing both prepared and pre-prepared cuisine have been incorporated into the facility design with both interior and exterior dining areas. The Rawls College of Business will be the first structure on the Texas Tech campus designed with the intent to meet Silver Rating under the US Green Building Council's LEED criteria. Primary focuses in sustainable design strategies for this project has included: sustainable site design, maximizing indoor air quality, low facility water usage, on site water retention, and the use of recycled-content and regionally-procured building materials. All of these components to the design are being achieved while creating a facility that both remains reflective of the Spanish Renaissance architectural motifs of the campus, and integrated with the strategic concept of the Campus Master Plan.

**Project Budget:** \$70,000,000

**Project Cost:** \$65,000,000



View of the common area



View looking South

