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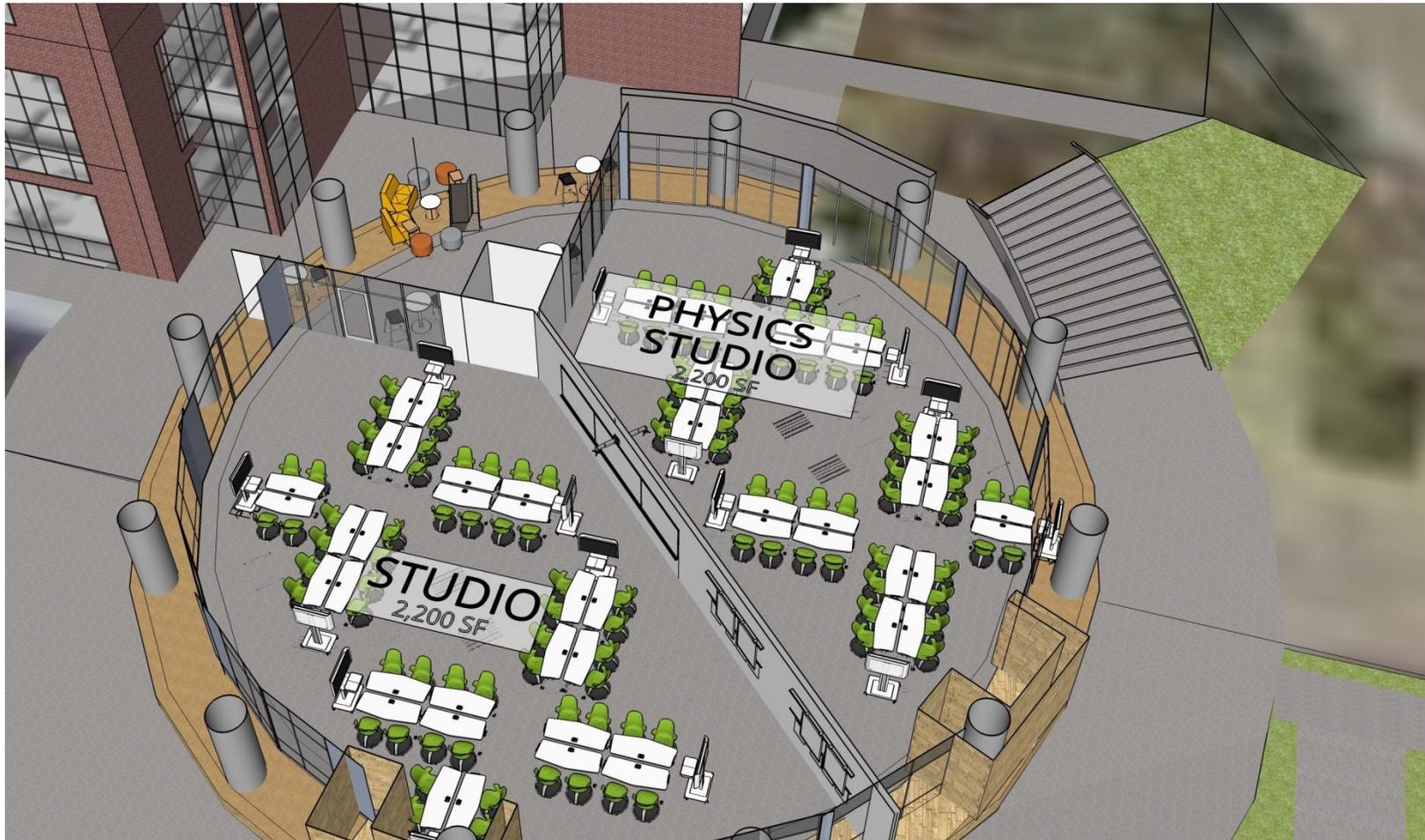
The 22,000 square foot expansion of the current building will add five large, studio-style, flexible class/lab learning spaces; five interdisciplinary research labs; and four faculty offices and spaces for discussion and collaboration. The expansion is designed by floor to maximize functionality and to seamlessly connect and relate to the existing Hanson Hall of Science.





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The first floor houses the two largest flexible studio-style class/lab learning spaces, adjacent to existing physics labs and classrooms. These new spaces will allow a seamless transition between physics instruction and student practice and collaboration, reflecting best practices in student learning. Specifically, while these spaces can be set up for traditional, separate lecture or lab purposes, they allow for ease of movement between theory and content to practice, collaboration and sharing.



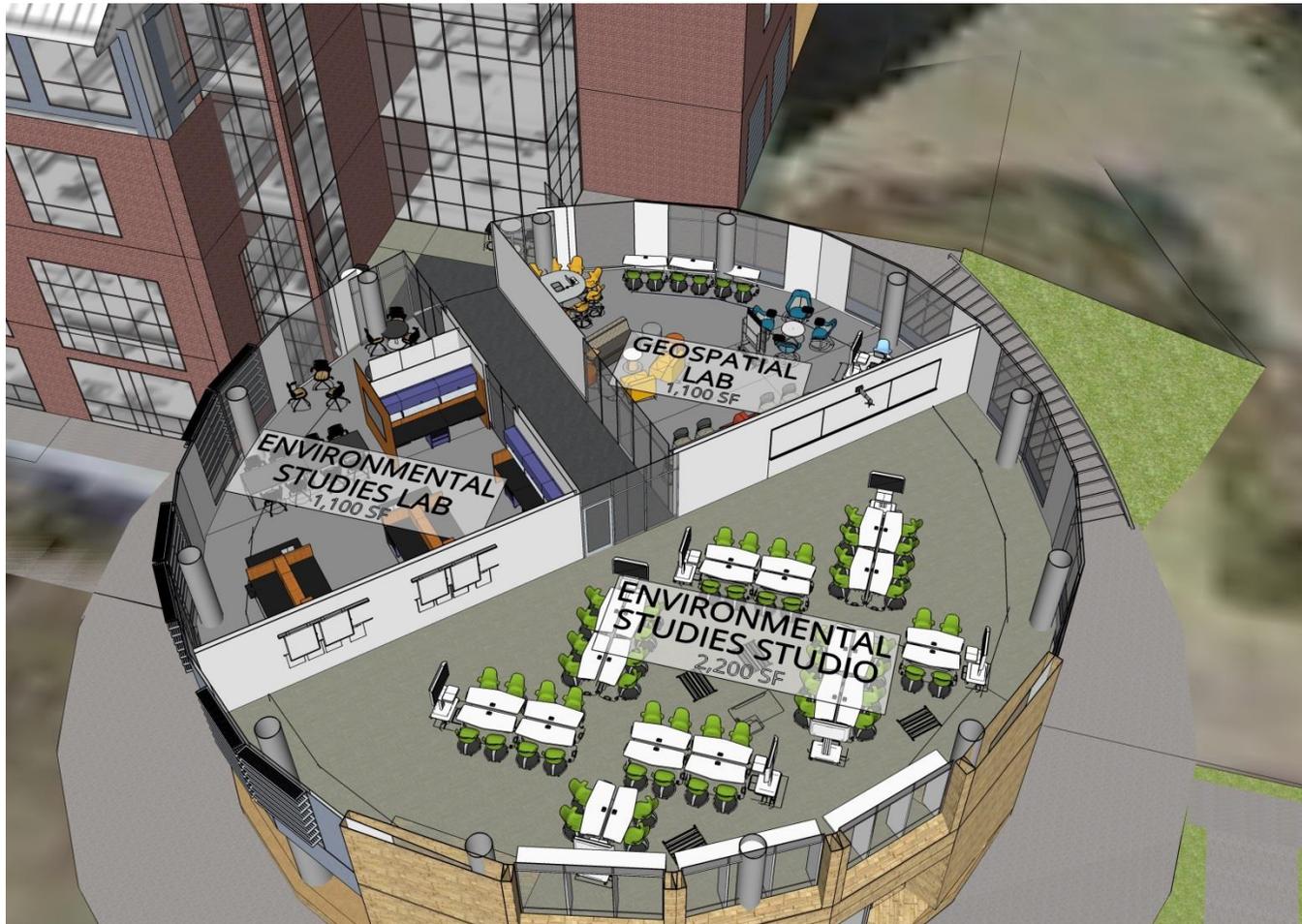
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Studio style classrooms on all floors are designed for active learning techniques, peer instruction and inquiry-based group activities.



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Extending from labs and classrooms for the biological sciences on the second floor of the existing building, this floor introduces interdisciplinary labs and studio-style classrooms for our environmental studies majors and affiliated departments. They provide proximal placement of class and lab spaces currently unavailable for interdisciplinary fields of study and research.



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Flexible labs will provide space for students and faculty to work with the materials (clean or dirty-soil) and the sophisticated tools necessary for quality science coursework and research.



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The third floor will house two large, studio-style class/lab learning spaces ideally placed for chemistry, public health, biology or biochemistry courses. They are an optimal size for these high-demand areas and provide for the shared and mixed use needs described in the first floor.



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Common areas in the existing building are highly utilized and are repeated here in the expansion. They provide a welcoming space for students, faculty and community partners to gather, advise and collaborate.



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A home for the growing neuroscience program, the fourth floor consists of areas for faculty/student research, a dedicated animal lab, vivarium (i.e., animal housing), psychophysiological lab and four offices for faculty in biology, environmental studies and chemistry. The top floor is an optimum placement for the environmental controls necessary for animal studies.

