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Programs and activities that have been distributed throughout the Engineering School and elsewhere are now gathered in the same building — providing opportunities for students from different teams to help each other in common areas of technology. Students also will now have access to modern machine tools, including tools that support the manufacture of parts and devices from computer designs.

The Ann Warrick Lacy Experiential Learning Center is located on the top two floors of the building. The third floor, which is at ground-level, has large open spaces and a front door large enough to accommodate a vehicle. The fourth floor is divided into various areas, in an open design specifically intended to foster student interaction. The bottom two floors of the building, representing 10,000 square feet, is for use by U.Va. facilities management.

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