

# De-Constructionism – University of Florida

GLE has recently provided professional consulting services for the “deconstruction,” demolition design and hazardous materials abatement of the 150,000 gross square foot (gsf) Hume Hall, centrally located on the Gainesville campus. This unique project included requirements for the salvage and/or recycling of approximately 14,000 cubic yards (CY) of concrete and block; 400 tons of scrap iron and rebar, approximately 300 CY of brick and the removal and replanting of 30 trees from the site. In addition, the project included the asbestos abatement of approximately 120,000 SF of floor tile and mastic, 2,000 linear feet of thermal system insulation and roof flashing material. Working with the University of Florida, GLE incorporated a concrete recycling program for the demolition of Hume Hall. The process, called destructionism involved taking the exterior brick building apart before destroying the whole building to use for other buildings on campus, this also resulted in significant cost savings for the University.

