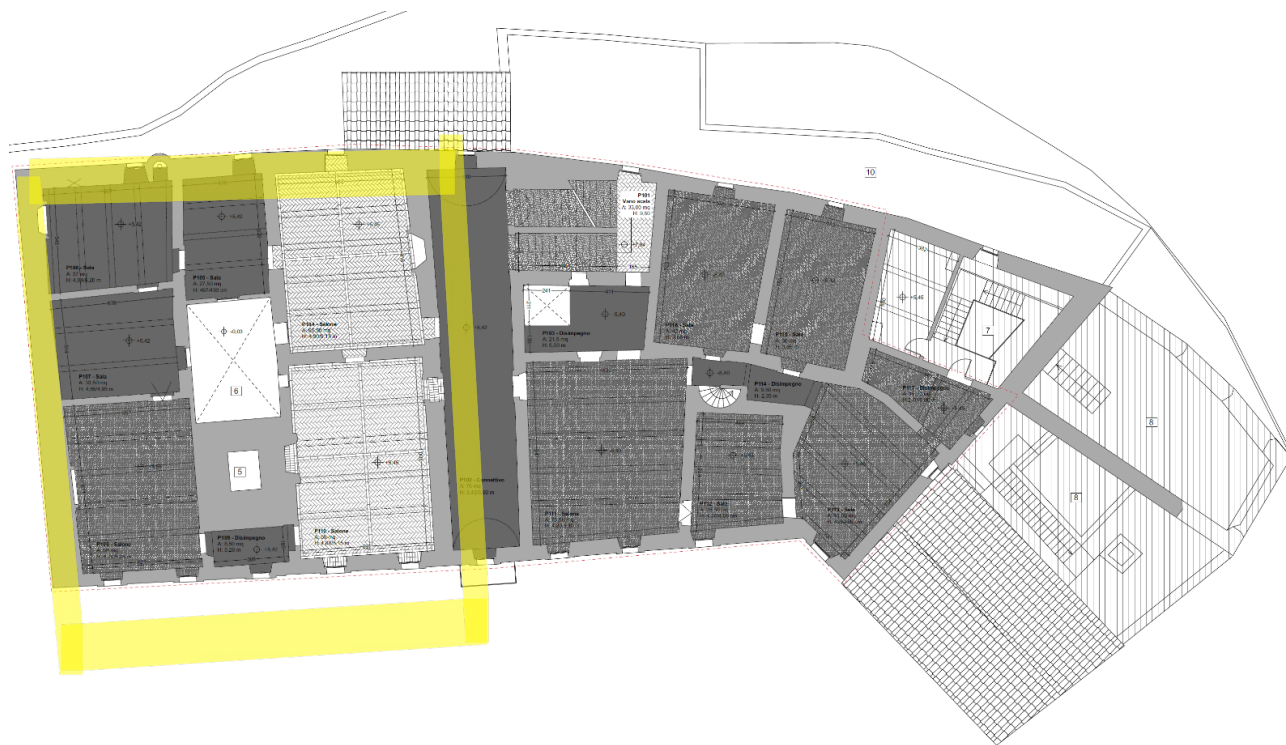


Bourbon-Del Monte Castle

Construction on the castle began in the 13th century with various stages of expansion. The castle is most notable as a temporary shelter for both Galileo Galilei and Caravaggio, fleeing strict oppression by the Papal States during the Renaissance. During this time, they collaborated on optics experiments in the towers of the castle. During World War II, German soldiers used it as a garrison until it was bombed by the Allies in 1944, resulting in complete destruction of the inside although the outer walls remained intact. In 1990, MSMT acquired the castle and completed a renovation of the basement and ground floors, which are reserved as event, conference, and gallery spaces.

The UTRGV in Italy spaces (in yellow highlight below) will consist of:

- 2 General Classrooms
- 2 Art Studios
- Seminar Room
- UTRGV in Italy Office
- Refreshment/Coffee Area



The second floor is currently undergoing renovations with expected completion in Spring 2025. On the second floor, MSMT plans to host:

- UTRGV in Italy
- Library
- Meeting Rooms and Student Lounge

Plans for third floor renovation of dormitory space are planned in the future, but in the meantime, dormitory facilities can be rented by the adjacent church for the suggested donation of \$100 per week. Apartments in MSMT for faculty are also available for about \$250 per week.

