

Project Data

Construction Cost: \$5,500,000
Size: 43,500 square feet

Owner

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Project Team

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Awards

AIA/Alliant Energy
Excellence in Energy
Efficient Design, 2012



A Center for Campus Life & A New University

The Sisters of Mercy University Center is a gathering space for the University community. Designed and built at a key point in the school's history, the University Center (UC) represents its 85+ year history and a transparent, inclusive, beautiful, and efficient future.

This focal point and main gathering space for the Mount Mercy University community is also the home for Club Friday, a weekly gathering for students, faculty and staff, hosted by a different student organization each week.

The UC's programming approach focused on flexibility and comfort, creating spaces that encourage campus cross-pollination. This community hub is also incredibly efficient, winning a 2012 AIA Excellence in Energy Efficient Design award. The UC brings a new focus on student services in a common space while creating new planned and spontaneous event spaces.

Features of University Center

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| Academic Center for Excellence | University Ministries Center |
| Dining Center and Hilltop Café | Campus Bookstore |
| Admission, Residence Life | Counseling Services |
| Student Life & Game Room | Student Organizations |
| Conference Space | Meeting Rooms |
| Lounge Areas & Study Areas | Information Desk |
| Leadership and International Programs | |

