

THE PROJECT

Union College is an independent, historic, residential, liberal arts and engineering college with an enrollment of approximately 2,000 students. The College's history is distinguished by its campus design — the first planned college campus in the United States, designed by the French architect Joseph Ramée in the early 19th century.

Since 1995 DOBER LIDSKY MATHEY (DLM) has been involved with planning at Union, first with an overall campus plan and then with subsequent strategic sub studies. Priorities identified in the 2008 Plan are for academic and student life improvements and measures that will continue the productive relationship the College has established with the City of Schenectady, the neighborhood, and local corporations.

CHALLENGE

Student and faculty research and interdisciplinary associations are important at Union, and facilities are needed that will support this focus. The sciences and engineering are dispersed over six buildings that are not connected, and the humanities and social sciences space should be consolidated. Although the College has an experimental theater, the Theater and Dance Department lacks dance studio space. There is also a lack of campus life space. The existing campus center is constrained, and additional student housing is needed, as well as common space to serve the housing that exists.

SOLUTION

The 2008 Comprehensive Campus Plan is a working document designed to provide direction for the future while being flexible enough to change as new circumstances arise. Additional space for the sciences and engineering will be the first in a series of improvements that will ultimately connect their existing buildings. Renovations for the humanities and social sciences are planned and, in the long-term, a new facility will be built in the main academic area of campus. A new dance studio will be located adjacent to the existing theater complex.

An addition to the existing campus center will combine the two main dining facilities and provide space for other campus life functions. The Campus Plan also includes renovation of existing student residences and identifies possible sites for new construction. Athletics and recreation improvements will include renovation of the existing field house.

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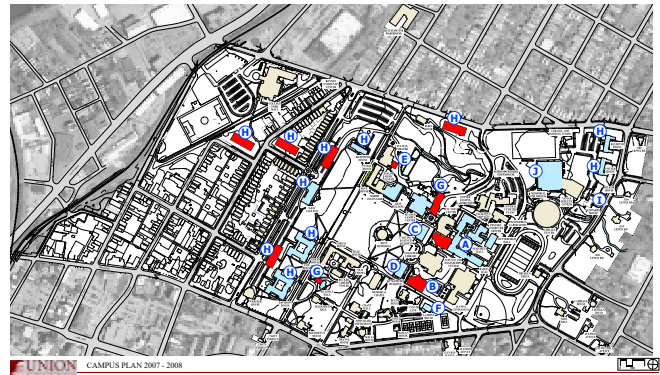
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ROGER HULL PLAZA



CONCEPT PLAN

RESULTS

A new science and engineering facility is in the design stage. The next project will be additional campus center space. The other improvements will occur over time.

*Project completed under previous name: Dober, Lidsky, Craig and Associates, Inc.

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