

UW Tacoma Campus Construction History

Phase 1A

The first phase of construction at UW Tacoma, along with the master plan for campus construction, earned nationwide recognition for architectural excellence and historic preservation. The project received the 1999 Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design from the American Institute of Architects and an award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The project included renovating six historic warehouses with 133,000 square feet of space. Phase 1A opened in 1997. Four historic warehouses are connected by a main hallway. The project includes multipurpose classrooms, offices and atriums that provide gathering space. Architects: Moore Ruble and Yudell of Santa Monica, Calif., in association with LMN Architects of Seattle
Phase 1A construction cost: \$31 million

Garretson Woodruff Pratt

Constructed in 1890, this building served as a warehouse for a thriving dry goods wholesaler called Garretson Woodruff Pratt. Less than five years after the building was finished, the company collapsed in the depression of the mid-1890s. The building, which houses classroom space as well as faculty offices, the Chancellor's Office and Enrollment Services, features some of the finest ornate terra cotta detailing in Tacoma's historic warehouse district.

Birmingham Block

The historic Birmingham Block warehouse building, originally constructed in 1893, was renovated to provide classroom space. It houses the campus's interactive distance-learning facilities.

Birmingham Hay and Seed

The Birmingham Hay and Seed building, built in 1903, was renovated to include classroom space, including high-tech "smart" classrooms, as well as student computer kiosks.

West Coast Grocery

The 1891 West Coast Grocery warehouse building was renovated to include faculty and program offices and classroom space. The building also houses the West Coast Grocery convenience store and a student lounge.

Walsh Gardner

This large warehouse was designed by Carl August Darmer, the city's foremost early architect, and built in 1911, the same year as Tacoma's Union Station. Walsh Gardner houses classrooms, computer labs, faculty offices, Computer Services office, a language lab and video lab classrooms.

Library

The UW Tacoma Library reading room, a classic brick building with high, arched windows, was built in 1902 as a transformer house for the Snoqualmie Falls Power Company. This transformer

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house continued in service until 1958, when it was converted into a warehouse. Architects added on to the transformer house, which still holds infrastructure once used to move heavy equipment, with new construction to create the Library. In addition to books and other materials, the library provides access to the collections of the entire University of Washington Library system.

Phase 1B

A small but significant addition to the campus provides much-needed space.

Construction contractor: Bodenhamer, Inc., Olympia

Construction cost: \$2.6 million

Dougan addition

Opened January 2000

This triangular-shaped building fits into the junction of Jefferson and Commerce avenues. It connects to the historic Dougan warehouse, which was later refurbished in Phase 2A. Originally used for science classes until the completion of the Science Building, multipurpose classrooms include some that can be modified easily for art students to take advantage of high ceilings and skylights to capture natural light. 13,000 square feet.

Phase 2A (north and south)

A wide range of classroom, lab and office space was provided with four projects, including two new-construction buildings designed to complement campus historic buildings. With completion of Phase 2A, the campus filled a city block and included a landscaped stairway connecting Pacific and Jefferson avenues.

Architects: LMN Architects, Seattle, in association with Moore Ruble Yudell, Santa Monica, Calif.

(Phase 2A south complex)

Construction contractors: Absher Construction, Puyallup

Site preparation: Lugo Construction Co.

Construction cost: \$15.6 million

Science Building

Opened January 2002

The Science Building includes a general computing lab; advanced computing lab for Institute of Technology students; geographic information systems lab; two biology labs; saltwater aquariums; chemistry lab; geology lab; rooftop greenhouse; five computer classrooms and two multipurpose classrooms; faculty offices. 48,000 sq. feet.

Keystone Building

Opened February 2002

A triangular-shaped two-story building, the Keystone Building houses the Teaching and Learning Center; the 162-seat Carwein Auditorium; and a sky bridge to provide disabled access up a steep grade. 13,500 sq. feet.

(Phase 2A north complex)

Construction contractor: Lugo Construction Co.

Construction cost, 2A north complex: \$6.2 million

Dougan Building

Opened September 2000

Historic warehouse, built in 1891, refurbished into classrooms and offices. Houses the Milgard School of Business. Adjacent to The Old Spaghetti Factory restaurant. 25,000 gross square feet.

Fourth Floor West Coast Grocery

Opened May 2000

Renovated fourth floor of the historic West Coast Grocery warehouse into offices and meeting rooms.

Pinkerton Building

Opened January 2003

This historic hotel and warehouse, built in 1889, was renovated into the home of UW Tacoma's Institute of Technology. It is the oldest building on any UW campus. The Pinkerton Building houses faculty and staff offices, a classroom and two state-of-the-art computer labs. The renovation was funded by private donations and contributions from non-state agencies.

Architect: Jim Merritt, Merritt Arch., Tacoma

General contractor: BN Builders, Seattle

Construction cost: \$4.5 million

Phase 2B

This phase of construction adds classroom and office space required to continue UW Tacoma's rapid growth. In addition to general classroom space, it includes specialized classrooms, a student center funded by students and offices for student services. The project earned LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, a prestigious industry recognition for sustainable design.

Prime architect: McGranahan Architects, Tacoma

General contractor: Lease Crutcher Lewis

Phase 2B construction cost: \$40.8 million

Cherry Parkes Building

Opened January 2004

Three small historic warehouses along Pacific Avenue were connected to make one large building including classrooms, labs, offices and specialized learning space. Space on street-level on Pacific Avenue is leased to retail. The renovation includes private funds used for classrooms, labs and offices for the Institute of Technology. The building takes its name from the designers of the cast-iron facades on the ground floor. 74,187 square feet.

Associated architect: BOLA Architects, Seattle

Mattress Factory Building

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Opened January 2004

Two historic warehouses were combined into one building that includes classrooms, offices, a student center and offices for student services, including career counseling, student government and the newspaper. An old Harmon Furniture Company sign advertising Slumberite mattresses, still visible on the north end of the building, provides inspiration for the building's name. It was never actually a mattress factory, but provided storage and sales space for the Harmon Furniture Company. 64,097 square feet.

Associated architect: Miller Hull Architects, Seattle

Court 17

Opened December 2006

Court 17 is a unique public/private development consisting of a five-story, 128-unit apartment building and a three-story, 309-car parking garage. The market-rate apartments are owned and operated by Lorig & Associates, a Seattle developer; the garage is owned and operated by UW Tacoma. The garage portion of the project was funded with \$3 million from the state, a \$1 million low-interest loan from the city of Tacoma, \$3.1 million in bank financing and \$400,000 from other UW Tacoma funds. The project is helping to fuel the dramatic economic revitalization taking place around the UW Tacoma campus and drawing people into the community to support amenities that benefit students, staff, faculty and the entire neighborhood.

Architect: Mithun Architects of Seattle

Parking garage general contractor: Berschauer Phillips, Olympia

Parking garage construction cost: \$7.5 million

William W. Philip Hall

Named for one of the people most responsible for locating a university in Tacoma, William W. Philip Hall provides a flexible event space that can accommodate lectures, meetings, performances, dinners or fairs. The James A. Milgard Family Assembly Room provides comfortable meeting space for large groups and can be expanded to include the Jane Thompson Russell Student Commons for select events. The Columbia Bank Lobby offers a stunning view of Pacific Avenue, Union Station, the Washington State History Museum and Mount Rainier. The Judith Graubard Kopp Gallery provides areas for tables, displays or socializing. 21,000 square feet

Designer: Thomas Hacker Architects

Contractor: John Korsmo Construction

Building cost: \$12 million

Funding: Public-private (state: \$7.5 million; private donations: \$4 million)

Phase 3a

This phase includes the refurbishing of the Russell T. Joy Building, addition and renovation of three labs in the Science Building and building infrastructure to support future campus construction up the hill.

Cost: \$34 million

Russell T Joy Building

Built in 1892, the Russell T. Joy Building was vacant for 13 years before its renovation. Listed on the Tacoma and national historic registers, the Joy Building completes the Pacific Avenue frontage of campus. It will provide classroom space, labs, and faculty and administrative offices, including a new office suite for Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. Along Pacific Avenue, space will be leased to retail. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2011.

Architect: Thomas Hacker Architects

General contractor: John Korsmo Construction

Phase 3b

Unnamed building on Jefferson Street

Phase 3b involves adding a new structure annexed to the Tioga Building. The four-story building will provide storage space for the Library, as well as classroom and office space. Only the first two floors will be built at this time. The upper two floors will be shelled in and not completed until funds are available to complete them. This part of the master plan involves developing the Northern Pacific Rail Line into a walking and biking trail, in partnership with the city. Work is expected to begin by the end of 2010 and be completed in spring 2012.

Architect:

General contractor:

Cost: \$24 million