



# MEMORIAL UNION - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

GRAND FORKS, ND

Used as the social center of campus by the 15,000 students, faculty, and staff, a redesign of the Memorial Union built in 1951 was very needed.

The new design offers three stories of meeting and rendezvous spaces, up-to-date technology, student services, expanded dining, and retail options as the cornerstone of campus.

With a the three-story wall of windows in the atrium entryway, natural light floods the building and cascades into the new walkway that winds around major traffic routes.

Lounge seating areas, a fireplace and hearth, an Internet café, non-alcoholic pub, and coffee and a food court, a ballroom available for lectures and events, and offices such as The Information Center, Copy Services, Student Government, Student Organizations, University Credit Union, a convenience store, International Center, Multicultural Center, Pride Center, and retail spaces are also included.

Outside gardens, furniture, and outdoor activities are available.

The building consists of a composite structural steel moment frame with concrete slabs on metal deck, steel bar joist roof, metal roof deck all supported on a spread footing foundation system utilizing rammed aggregate piers. Geofoam backfill was also used in areas to reduce potential settlement.

**Project Size:** 158,000 SF

**Completion Date:** Fall 2021

**Project Cost:** \$80 Million

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