



FACT SHEET

USG III: Innovation Continues at the Universities at Shady Grove

Overview:

SG III is the 192,000 square-foot centerpiece for the growing Universities at Shady Grove (USG), a campus of the University System of Maryland (USM) in Rockville, Maryland. USG is a unique model for higher education that continues to innovate as it grows. Founded in 1999-2000 by the University System of Maryland, USG offers classes for undergraduate students in their junior and senior year as well as graduate certificate and degree programs. USG features 55 undergraduate and graduate degree programs from 8 of Maryland's public universities. Students attend classes at USG but receive the same coursework, curriculum and instructors as the home campus. SG III is a "green" building that is both energy efficient and environmentally sensitive. It features the latest technology and facilities to enhance the student experience.

Project Cost: \$53 million

Design Features:

SG III is comprised of three wings – at three, four and five stories – united by a linear concourse. The design enhances student life and learning with its many smart class facilities, and spaces for meeting, mixing and studying. Environmental features include the use of natural lighting and renewable materials, green roofs, energy-reducing measures and the preservation of forested land on the 52-acre campus.

Architect/Engineer: Cannon Design

Construction Management: Skanska USA Building Inc.

LEED™ Consultant: Sustainable Design Consulting

Project Management: University of Maryland, Department of Architecture, Engineering & Construction

Interior Design: University of Maryland, Department of Architecture, Engineering & Construction

Green Consultant: Sustainable Design Consulting

Academics:

Enrollment: SG III triples campus enrollment capacity to 6,000 students, compared to 2,200 in Spring 2007. Projected Fall, 2007 enrollment is 2,600.

Expanded Programs: Business, technology, nursing and other health-care related majors, social work, and communications.

New Programs: 14 new undergraduate and graduate programs including:

9 Undergraduate Programs:

- *Simulation and Digital Entertainment*, University of Baltimore (UB);
- *Computer and Information Science*, University of Maryland University College (UMUC);
- *Human Resource Management*, UMUC
- *Homeland Security*, UMUC;
- *Emergency Management*, UMUC;
- *Information Assurance*, UMUC;
- *Investigative Forensics*, UMUC;
- *Laboratory Management*, UMUC; and
- *Biotechnology*, UMUC.

5 Graduate Programs:

- *Biotechnology Studies*, MA, UMUC;
- *Industrial-Organizational Psychology*, MPS, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC);
- *Publication Design*, MA, UB;
- *Literacy Coaching*, University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), and
- *Pharmacy*, PharmD, School of Pharmacy, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB).

Technology Features:

USG is already considered one of the most “wired” campuses in the region; SG III features include:

- 45 smart classrooms;
- 2 distance learning classrooms where students can attend lectures given live at another campus or professors can lecture to students at USG and remote sites;
- 10 computer classrooms and laboratories with desktop computers at every station;
- 2 open computer labs; and a
- Mac Lab, geared especially for the new majors in Simulation and Digital Entertainment and Publication Design.

Fostering Learning and Student Interaction:

Since USG is a commuter campus, creating spaces for students to study, meet, interact and bond was a priority. SG III features:

- 5 small conference rooms where students can meet to work on group programs or class work;
- Lounges where students can congregate to read, relax and prepare for class;
- The Center for Academic Success offers one-on-one assistance such as tutoring, supplemental instruction, and writing assistance;
- Student Services features a career center, laptop loaner program, clubs and activities;
- An expanded library/media that is 10 times the size of the previous library;
- The University Book Store, operated by Barnes & Noble, featuring texts, school spirit items for each partner university, and other school supplies;
- 130 faculty offices;
- A 200-seat dining facility;
- A coffee lounge on the first floor with overstuffed chairs and large windows where students can get coffee, snacks and sandwiches and read, study, and/or converse with friends;
- A gym, equipped with Nautilus equipment, a rubberized floor, a shower room and changing facilities; and
- A recreation room where students can enjoy ping-pong, pool, foosball, video games or aerobics and yoga workouts on a scheduled basis.