

PROJECT DATA

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE & LETTERS
DEARBORN, MI**

Client

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Size

181,600 sf

Cost

\$24,300,000

Date Completed

May, 2001



JM Olson Corporation provided general contracting services for a new four-story, 181,600 sf academic building. The state-of-the-art facility houses classrooms, lecture halls and faculty office space. Distinguishing building features include stainless steel metal panels adorning the circular core atrium and the one-story serpentine building rooftop. An open-air public plaza is located on the third floor of the main building.

The spectacular, but complex design, created some challenges that the Olson team was able to successfully overcome in completing the focal point of the Dearborn campus. An example of this was the fabrication and erection of the round 5-story steel and glass atrium. Construction in the interior of the atrium entailed extensive communication and coordination of trades that all used the same custom scaffolding system while completing their work.

Other challenges included the steel fabrication and glazing installation on the one story serpentine wing. Glazers meticulously installed the flat glass systems to the continuous arching shape of the wing. The Olson team's experience, preplanning and communication with the Owner's representatives, Architects and subcontractors enabled the project to be a success.

