

Memorial Union Fee Orientation

The Memorial Union is the main student union at UC Davis. It was completed in **1955** and dedicated in honor of UC Davis students and alumni who lost their lives in military service. The \$1 Million cost was funded by private support from the campus community, including funds raised by one of the earliest campaigns of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association. The MU was a one-story facility when it was constructed.

In **1966**, with the help of another building campaign and a student fee of \$10 per year (\$5 per semester-UC Davis was not yet on the quarter system), the campus completed the construction of a large addition to the Memorial Union, including the second, third and fourth floors, where we are meeting today. The 1966 renovation also added the Games Area and the main branch of the UC Davis Stores. The Coffee House opened its doors in **1968** in the east wing of the building.

In **1987**, students voted to increase the MU fee to \$25 per quarter, starting in 1989 to expand the MU. In the **early 1990's**, the first floor and Bookstore were expanded, adding 18,200 square feet in dining, lounge, recreational and bookstore space. The Coffee House was relocated to the west side of the building, where it is still housed today. In **1998**, the MU Complex underwent a major seismic renovation.

From **2015-2017**, the Memorial Union was renewed and expanded once again. The comprehensive renovation brought the historic Memorial Union back to life again as a dynamic on-campus destination for students and the UC Davis community. The glass atrium was added to the front of the building, structural improvements were made to the building and the Bookstore was expanded to accommodate the large growth the campus experienced since the Memorial Union was originally built.

The MU Fee is not subject to CPI adjustments.