

BELL MEMORIAL UNION MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Bell Memorial Union is to provide facilities and programs that are responsive to the physical, social, recreational, and continuing educational needs of students and the campus community.

Program Statement

Through its staff and committees, the Bell Memorial Union is a “laboratory” where students may learn and practice leadership, event programming, project management, social responsibility and interpersonal skills. As a center for the academic community, the Union provides a place for increased interaction and understanding among individuals from diverse backgrounds.

The Bell Memorial Union provides for the daily needs of the campus community by offering meeting rooms, food service, programmatic space and academic and related materials. Additionally, the BMU provides a balanced variety of activities, such as the visual and performing arts, film arts, outdoor recreation, lectures, social events and dances, and activities addressing social responsibility and human relations.

The Bell Memorial Union employs qualified professional, technical, and support staff who have the ability to meet the varied educational, service, social, leisure, and recreational requirements inherent in the Union’s mission.

Student employees and volunteers are an important part of the operation. Their work experience is a vital part of their educational experience. A thorough training program is provided for part-time student helpers and volunteers and, depending on their assigned duties, include leadership, group facilitation, and communication training.

The Bell Memorial Union supports internships or practicums for students pursuing advanced degrees in the student development, business administration, higher education, institutional management, recreation or other applicable degrees.

The Bell Memorial Union’s budget supports the achievement of its mission, and provides appropriate services, facilities and programs deemed necessary to maintain standards and services commensurate with the image and reputation of the BMU.

The BMU provides space to accommodate the cultural diversity of those persons using the facility. Introduction to and interaction with people of various socioeconomic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds is encouraged. Discovery and enhancing our world heritage are important components of the student union program.

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