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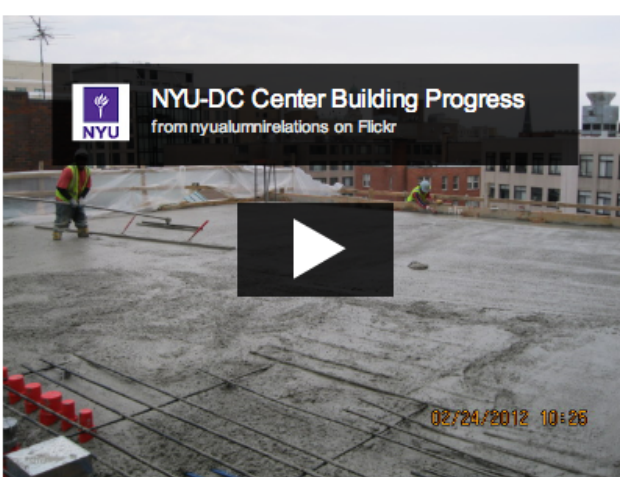
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The New York University Constance Milstein and Family Academic Center in Washington, DC



Rendering of the New York University Constance Milstein and Family Academic Center designed by Hickok Cole Architects

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Fall 2010 marked the groundbreaking of the New York University Constance Milstein and Family Academic Center, a new facility in Washington, DC, establishing the University's permanent presence in the nation's capital, and expanding NYU's network of study sites around the globe. The Center is named for NYU Trustee **Constance Milstein** in recognition of her \$10 million gift to help establish the new site.

The New York University Constance Milstein and Family Academic Center will allow for concentrated study and research in an array of subjects, from public policy to political science to art history. The student experience will be enhanced by access to Washington's distinctive intellectual, political, and cultural life. The Center will also extend the unrivaled opportunity NYU provides for study at key locations world-wide.

In the 21st century, as the world becomes more interconnected, the mission of preparing students to become engaged and contributing citizens takes on new meaning. With unprecedented global exchange in commerce, travel, and communication, we must challenge the idea that a university can only deliver education at a single home campus.

Instead, NYU seeks to become the first "global network university," with academic centers for teaching and research at 12 sites on five continents, and the largest number of students going abroad of any U.S. college or university. While NYU retains deep ties to its home campus, the University long known for being "in and of the City" is truly becoming "in and of the world."

No global network would be complete without a site in DC, home to 174 embassies, headquarters of international policy-making bodies, and seat of the federal government.

The heart of the New York University Constance Milstein and Family Academic Center will be an undergraduate program run by the College of Arts and Science. Initially, most students will come from the Departments of Politics, Economics, Art History, Journalism, and History. Later, the Center will welcome students from additional undergraduate departments as well as graduate programs, including the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, the Leonard N. Stern School of Business, the School of Law, and the School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

Up to 150 students will come to the Center each semester, pairing classroom work with internships offered by the wealth of non-profits, government agencies, and corporations that call DC home. A History student, for example, can spend a semester in DC, taking a course on colonial American history and completing an internship at the National Museum of the American Indian.

The New York University Constance Milstein and Family Academic Center will provide a home-away-from-home for faculty traveling to Washington, a gathering space for our many alumni in the DC area. It will also serve as a venue for dynamic public programming, featuring NYU faculty and leaders from the government, business, and cultural worlds.

The facility itself will encompass a 12-story, mixed-use building, with 75,000 square feet of space. It will be centrally located in Northwest Washington, just blocks from the White House, the World Bank, and the Smithsonian, and adjacent to the cultural attractions on DC's 14th Street corridor.

Designed by the award-winning firm of Hickok Cole Architects, the building will serve a variety of functions. The lower levels will feature seminar rooms, meeting spaces, and offices, as well as a 200-seat auditorium and an expansive lobby that will double as a student lounge and a venue for public events. Above, there will be five floors of dormitories and a few visitors' apartments. In addition, the NYU Office of Government Relations and Community Affairs, and the Brademas Center for the Study of Congress will establish satellite locations within the Center. Importantly, the building will embrace NYU's commitment to sustainability, targeting Gold LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification.

Groundbreaking on the New York University Constance Milstein and Family Academic Center will take place in September 2010, with the first group of students expected in fall 2012.

A bold new addition to NYU's global network, the New York University Constance Milstein and Family Academic Center will allow the University to continue the critical work of shaping the next generation of leaders for an increasingly global, interconnected 21st century.

Leadership support from alumni and friends has allowed the University to purchase the NYU-DC site and begin construction. To insure that the Center reaches its full potential, NYU will need additional capital, programming, and endowment support. Naming opportunities are available for a variety of spaces within the building. For more information, please call Melanie Greenspan, Director of Development for the Faculty of Arts and Science, at 212/998-6974. To give online, click [here](#).