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• a living document  
• a roadmap or compass  
• a general direction for an institution's physical environment  
• the outcome of an inclusive, data-driven, and consensus-building process  
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A Campus Master Plan entails...

• assessment of a campus's existing spaces and places with regard toward how they currently, and will in the future, support the desired student experiences  
• setting goals and objectives as an overarching guide to inform planning concepts, decisions of placemaking, and priorities  
• identifying key successes and deficiencies in a campus's spaces and places  
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Martin Luther College: Master Plan Goals

• Learning environments that support the specific mission of Martin Luther College  
• Stewardship of synodical gifts and resources  
• Community Engagement at all levels – faculty, staff, and students; oneness in faith and community  
• Gathering locations for various sizes indoor and outdoor  
• Maximize use of existing spaces and multi-functional as appropriate  
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• Sustain and grow partnerships in the Great Commission  
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No to Light Renovation
1. Wittenberg Collegiate Center
   • Auditorium and Forum space
   • Update furniture, finishes, academic technology in instruction spaces
2. Chapel of the Christ
   • 200p event/conferencing
   • Large choir room
   • Handbell choir room
3. Maintenance and Boiler House
   • Campus central receiving
   • Potentially Environmental Services offices
4. President’s House
5. Press Box

Medium to Full Renovation
6. Old Main
   • Full renovation of offices, instruction spaces, & 3rd spaces
7. Wittenberg Collegiate Center Link
   • Innovation Hub - STEAM lab, Teaching and Learning Center, academic student organizations, study/collaboration spaces
   • Administration area reorganization to improve welcome experience and student access to business services
8. Library
   • Expand makerspace, studios, group/collaborative study
   • Academic Success Center
   • Audio Visual Services
   • Active learning classroom
9. Luther Student Center
   • Student Leadership & Involvement – orgs. & government
   • Global Engagement – Cultural Diversity Center, International/Study Abroad/Teaching Abroad, Service Learning, Daylight Program, and Campus Pastor
   • Newspaper/Publications
   • Community building and gathering spaces
   • Cafeteria, Retail, Mail Center, & Graphic Arts/Print Shop
   • Health and Counseling
   • Locker and weightroom renovation
   • Existing Gym and auxiliary gym
10. Music Center
    • Music program offices and instruction
    • Art faculty and ceramics studio
11. Music Hall
    • Recital hall
    • Painting and drawing studio
    • Coffeehouse
12. Centennial Hall
13. Summit Hall
14. Augustana Hall
15. Concord Hall

Proposed
1. Wittenberg Collegiate Center Addition
   • Welcome Center and Admissions
   • Auditorium Lobby and academic 3rd Space
   • Biology lab
   • Art gallery
2. Music Hall Entrance/ADA Addition
3. Music Center Addition
4. Luther Student Center Addition
5. Physical Education and Activity Center
   • Physical Education offices & instruction
   • 4-court and 200M indoor track
   • Fitness Center - non-athletes
   • Football locker room and support
6. Augustana and Concord Halls Additions
7. New Residence Hall - approx. 64 student beds
8. New Residence Hall - approx. 120 student beds

Existing Site
A  Campus Mall
B  Christ statue and plaza
C  Martin Luther statue and plaza
D  Football competition field
E  Football practice field

Proposed Site
A  Sitting stairs and stage/plaza
B  Chapel Plaza and rain garden
C  Augustana and Concord courtyard
D  Gazebo and walking path
E  Luther Hollow place-making enhancements
F  Recreation field
G  Campus connection walkways
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1. Press Box

Proposed

1. Sports Complex
   - Shared locker rooms for field sports - home & visitor
   - Indoor practice turf
   - Game day support - concessions, restrooms, coaches, and officials
   - Team rooms
   - Satellite training room
2. Field Support Building

Existing Site

A. Baseball field
B. Cobpetition soccer and future lacrosse

Proposed Site

A. Tennis courts
B. Competition softball field
C. (2) practice soccer fields
D. Practice softball field
E. Practice lacrosse field
F. Potential future track and field location