



UW-La Crosse's new academic building, Centennial Hall, is popular and highly utilized by students and staff it's also award-winning. The Wisconsin Department of Administration will give the building's designer, River Architects of La Crosse, the 2011 Department of State Facilities Best Project Award. The honor recognizes the firm for its outstanding work as part of the design team for the \$40 million project. Governor Scott Walker will present the award during a State Building Commission meeting March 21st in Madison. Centennial Hall, which opened in August 2011, is the university's largest academic building on campus. It's expected to receive at least a silver rating for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, given for features to save annual operating costs and conserve energy. The hall is the first built predominantly with state funding on campus since 1974 when Wimberly Hall was constructed.