



## FAST FACTS

### Customer

University of Central Florida

### Technology Partners

Open Options Access Control

Mercury Security

Axis

Milestone

### Industry

Higher Education

### Geography

Orlando, FL USA

## University of Central Florida

### CUSTOMER

The University of Central Florida located in Orlando, FL is on a 1,415 acre campus with over 53,000 students. It is currently the sixth largest college in the nation. UCF is one of Florida's 11 public universities. Being recognized as one of the most dynamic colleges in the country with 12 colleges and 255 degree programs, UCF has become an academic leader in numerous fields, such as optics, modeling and simulation, engineering and computer science, business administration, education, science, hospitality management and digital media.

### CHALLENGES

Prior to the university's partnership with Open Options, UCF was using a stand-alone battery operated access control system that did not provide the options or security level that UCF needed in the College of Sciences building. For the protection of the faculty, students, and property UCF needed a system that could integrate with IP video and provide a higher level of security and more specifications than the previously used system. The university was also looking for a new system that could eventually be incorporated throughout the entire campus.

### SOLUTION

In 2007 Signature Systems of Florida responded to UCF's request for proposal and presented a plan to install Open Options DNA Fusion software integrated with Milestone's XProtect Enterprise under a five year contract. Because Signature Systems had experience installing Open Options products on other college campuses and could eventually implement DNA Fusion and Milestone campus-wide, UCF chose the proposal. Installation and administrator training began in January 2008. Today UCF's IT Staff, Facilities and Planning Administration, and Security Directors operate the system successfully to control approximately 16 readers in the College of Sciences Building. Future plans with the university include incorporating DNA Fusion integrated with XProtect and AXIS cameras throughout the entire campus to potentially secure 9,000 doors.