NEW COLLABORATIVE CLASSROOMS AVAILABLE FALL SEMESTER 2011

Call for Applications

Due date: April 8, 2011 @ 5:00 PM

The new Union Street Residence Center includes innovative classrooms for the Bloomington campus, including a Café Classroom that seats 49 students and a Learn Lab that seats 56 students. Details of the two classroom spaces may be found below.

We are seeking applications for classes that might be well suited to these unique spaces and invite faculty in all disciplines to apply to teach their courses in these innovative classrooms in the fall semester of 2011.

To support our ongoing exploration of these new teaching facilities, we are particularly interested in attracting faculty members who would interested in helping us assess the impact of this facility on teaching and learning, either through informal feedback or more formal inquiry projects.

Please send the following information via e-mail to: unionst-fall2011@oncourse.iu.edu

- Name
- Rank
- School and department
- Campus mailing address
- Preferred phone
- E-mail address
- Course number and title
- Enrollment size
- A brief explanation of why your course is suited to the Learn Lab or Café Classroom, and what aspects of that class you are particularly interested in exploring in this new space (300 words maximum).

This call for applications is co-sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, Residential Programs and Services (RPS), Space Management, and University Information Technology Services (UIITS).
Learn Lab – Cedar Hall C002 (56 seats)

The Learn Lab offers enhanced opportunities for collaborative learning approaches as well as project-based classes. The room has been configured to take account of the ways in which instructors and students move between lecture mode, discussion, and collaboration. Three projection screens assure an easy view of materials from anywhere in the room, and 8-person tables and extensive whiteboards allow students to work effectively within and among groups. This layout breaks down the traditional classroom hierarchy and enables the instructor to move freely across the room, engaging and interacting with all students.

In addition to the three projection screens, the Learn Lab has Huddleboards (portable whiteboards for team use) and a Copycam (whiteboard camera), as well as an interactive whiteboard that enables the capture of instructional materials produced in the classroom by both the professor and the students. Additionally, the Learn Lab is equipped with a PC, Mac/laptop connection, document camera, and DVD/VCR.
Café Classroom – Cedar Hall C102 (49 seats)

The Café Classroom challenges traditional assumptions about classroom design to create a learning environment that utilizes informal seating to emphasize interaction and student-centered learning.

The layout and furnishings break down the traditional classroom hierarchy and enable the instructor to move freely across the room, engaging and interacting with all students. Soft furnishings, high and low bistro-style tables, a corner sofa, and booths equipped with monitors and PCs facilitate collaborative learning and group work. Five other seats along the wall provide additional computers to support group work as needed.

The Café Classroom makes use of the most current technologies, including projection to the screen and to the booths, a Copycam (whiteboard camera), as well as an interactive whiteboard that enables the capture of instructional materials produced in the classroom by both the professor and the students. Two whiteboards and additional Huddleboards (portable white boards) support group work. Additionally, the Learn Lab is equipped with a PC, Mac/laptop connection, document camera, and DVD/VCR.