

LEVELS OF CLASSROOM CONDUCTIVENESS FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

IUN CLASSROOM RENOVATION TASK FORCE

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Each IUN classroom represents the university's commitment to a climate where the best of instruction and learning can occur for students and faculty. On our campus, a "classroom" may be configured as a lecture hall, seminar room, computer laboratory, tutoring lab (e.g., math, writing, reading), design studio (e.g., art, photography), performing arts chamber (e.g., theater, costume preparation, set construction), or distance education hub. The physical layout of each room, the aesthetics, the furniture, and instructional equipment must foster our commitment to conduciveness for teaching and learning.

Following are definitions of levels by which each classroom may be classified for conduciveness.

Minimal Level

- Temperature control for maintaining human comfort
- Even, quiet-running airflow
- Dimmable lighting
- Tabletop student desks/comfortable chairs (to fit all sizes)
- Appropriate seating capacity (adequate seating space for human comfort)
- Efficient acoustics and soundproofing
- Wired for mobile technology (e.g., A/V, multimedia carts, projection systems)
- Telephone
- Wall clock
- Portable lectern
- Well-appointed wall coverings—"IUN" aesthetics apparent
- Adequate electrical outlets, appropriately situated throughout the room
- Instructor table and chair
- Chalkboards/whiteboards situated appropriately around the room
- Durable, efficient floor coverings (e.g., carpet, tile, wood), as appropriate
- ADA compliance (e.g., chair/wall rails, special desk tables for wheelchairs)

Probable Level

All "minimal" level attributes, plus:

- Moveable student tables/chairs
- Changeable/dimmable lighting
- External computer,/video/audio inputs
- Network, Internet access at least in front of room
- Sound system (where necessary)

Optimal Level

All "minimal" and "probable" level attributes, plus:

- Built-in computers (PC/Mac) with extensive storage capacity and RAM, external peripherals and devices (e.g., CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, Zip Drives, CD-RW)
- Broadband network connections
- Built-in technology (e.g., video copy stand, slide projectors, video/data projectors, VCR/DVD, external computer,/video/audio inputs, keypad system controller)
- Mounted, multiple video/computer monitors
- Remote control cameras