## CLASSEEM Environment

### Conducive to Learning & Creative Thinking

- Bright, happy environment.
- Colors of the room bring energy up.
- Happy space of learning.
- I feel like I have more energy in this room.
- I like the comfortable environment. I was falling asleep sitting down so I'd stand in the back to stay awake! It really helps!
- Being able to sit comfortable in a cafe like environment was conducive to writing creatively.
- Collaborative space to create and perform short skits; movement workshop; comfortable atmosphere in which to learn history and theory.
- Comfortable atmosphere, so make me want to learn stuff.
- Comfortable environment with lots of resources to enhance learning.
- Cultivated a more open and welcoming environment for learning.
- Getting to sit in a very comfortable environment with comfortable furniture helped enhance my learning experience.
- I like the environment and culture of the room. It allows you to be comfortable and ready to learn
- I loved how comfortable it was. How I could sit in a different position and location for every class. The atmosphere was very conducive to listening, discussing, paying attention.
- It was a more calming and comfortable atmosphere which helped with my learning.
- Laid-back, relaxed atmosphere made it easier to learn and comprehend material.
- More relaxed environment for working and doing unique activities.
- I liked how relaxing the classroom was, it was much more comfortable than normal classes. All rooms should be like this!
- I love the openness and innovative space. I love going to class here.
- I love the seating, I really love the environment. Very interactive.
- It was a more calming and comfortable atmosphere which helped with my learning.
- It was comfortable and relaxing. It takes a lot of pressure away from the conventional classroom.
- The ambience was funky (meaning good) and it allowed me to be more creative with my ideas. It wasn't your traditional classroom so learning was fun in that class!
- The design of the room had a more relaxed but yet comforting feel, it felt like I was studying in a coffee shop. It made the class more enjoyable.
- The environment in which a student learns makes a difference. In this case it was important and had a positive effect.
- The overall classroom experience for the room was different from traditional rooms, in an excellent way.
- The space and layout lead to more discussion to come up with more ideas.
- What I liked most was the freedom to move around as ideas were taking root and discussion was on arise.
Promoted Student-Student & Teacher-Student Interactions

For a language class it was a good environment for interacting with each other. I like the environment because it was comfortable and helped to facilitate group participation. It engages a social and interactive environment where students can share and expand ideas with the walls and the large monitor. Laid-back atmosphere, facilitated discussion better than normal classroom. Like the open space. Allowed more interaction with each other. Perfect for my math class in here. More social environment for group work. Sitting closer and more comfortably with everyone; makes for engaging discussion and good atmosphere. Such a great environment for community building. Really brought our cohort together as one. White boards were great for group work. The informal-style setting was conducive to a more casual learning environment, which promoted, I believe, more student-teacher interaction as opposed to falling into a "lecture" trap. The open leaning environment was very stimulating, it allowed me to engage better with classmates and professor. I liked the relaxed feeling of the room for an English discussion class. Perfect setting. It helped me feel more open to providing feedback or my voice in the class. It was more engaging. No one could sit in the back and loiter. It was nice to interact with my surrounding instead of just sitting down and listening to a lecture. More of an interactive space rather than a stagnant classroom, which facilitated more active discussion & participation. The fact the classroom was like a community and we were all connected and able to have discussion while facing one another. More engaging classroom style. Relaxed bonding environment, easy access to learning tools.

DYNAMIC SEATING/FURNITURE

Being able to have seating that varied helped bring the class together. Being able to switch between sitting on the ground, sitting on chairs, using a table, not using a table, or standing helps keep me awake and engaged with class material. Circle set-up (horseshoe), smart board awesome, write on walls? Genius. I appreciate the freedom I have to sit in any way that is comfortable for me and arrange my space to my liking. I enjoyed being able to have synergy with the unique desks. Collaboration was awesome! Boards were great. I like the seating arrangement most. It's easy to get comfortable on the seats as on the ground and - I like it so much better than being trapped in a desk. I like the standing tables because it keeps me awake and focused. I love the way the classes are shaped. We can see each other when someone talks. I really enjoy being able to sit on the couch in a relaxed setting to learn math. It makes it easier to absorb info.
I thought the standing desks were awesome. Sitting down all day makes my body sore, so standing desks were refreshing.

Not the traditional classroom style made us closer as a class. Far better conversations in a circle, wasn't focused solely on the teacher.

The layout of the room and furniture creates a comfortable dynamic in the class allowing everyone to speak and listen.

The layout, it allows people to discuss more freely than traditional row classrooms.

The seating makes people more friendly and ready to interact and participate. It was less formal and more natural.

The set up of the room allowed me to speak up more than I would in a normal classroom.

We were required to communicate and I could pay closer attention when I was not confined to the usual desk. The tables and varying height of seating was a great change each day.

The setting contributed a lot to class participation; sitting on the floor was really good.

We sat in a way that was easier to communicate ideas with other students. More relaxed environment that I felt more comfortable in facilitated my learning.

Being able to sit in a semi-circle really helped facilitate discussions and therefore better learning experiences.

Building make-shift podiums for speakers. Altering on screen documents to fit what we needed as class.

Class discussions easier, less formal, more personal, unique layout somehow kept me more awake and engaged because it was more interesting and less boring.

Having multiple formations allowed us to be more engaged with discussion instead of looking back as student peers asked questions or talked.

I thought it was cool to be able to use the sliding white board panels. Having a very customizable & dynamic classroom made me feel like I was getting more out of a group discussion than if I was in a regular classroom.

Really conducive layout (u-shape) for our senatorial style discussions. Great layout for entire class work like seminars etc.

We can use the space efficiently for convening the Roman Senate.

We could set the room to make it a like a theatre.

More of the same arrangement of the seating. Rows of seats are very boring

Warmer, more circular configuration to foster group discussions

In future classrooms I think students the classrooms should have standup desks

**DYNAMIC/INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY**

Being able to write on the walls and sliding boards are awesome it doesn't feel like a classroom so my mind is more creative. I feel more creative.

Drawing/writing on the boards was very fun & interesting. I really liked the SiZ- it's a comfortable space that enhances a student's interest in learning.

The unique high-tech atmosphere created an interactive learning environment I will always remember.

Being able to set up and write ideas on the wall and then tour or discuss it with the class was great.

Being to write on all of the walls around the class made it more of an engaging experience.
Brainstorming for film ideas on the whiteboards in groups and then "touring" the room to look at each group's ideas.

Gathering around the writing surfaces (sliders) and writing ideas for discussion as we bounced them off our partners: added another level - visual mental, written and oral - all encompassing.

Group work was another level. The couch, board, and standing desk made the experience better.

I loved using the walls and sliders as writing surfaces! It helped me as a Math 112 student and future educator see the real picture and show classmates.

The white boards and being able to write on the walls is incredibly useful and allows for more great group activities.

The writing surfaces were very innovative, and we used them throughout the semester - very useful!

Use of wall slides facilitated a more engaging experience and learning experience.

We split up into groups and wrote ideas on sliding boards. If we were all gathered to one side we would just slide the next board down for everyone to see.

We used the large writing wall to make the biggest concept web I've ever seen.

We were able to use all the walls to create a giant theatre history timeline.

Writing on the walls gave us the freedom to express ourselves and share with our peers.

Writing on walls and panels to better discuss as a group, being able to see everyone's thoughts side by side.

Writing surfaces and furniture really conducive to interactive learning.

I would love to see multiple boards within a classroom for learning experience

**UNIQUE/INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS**

I love how easy it is to collaborate in this room. Great for discussion based classes.

One experience involved the class breaking up into groups and drawing out the digestive pathway of carbohydrates. This was especially helpful for learning and allowed us to also teach other students.

There was a lot more group interaction and interaction with the teachers.

There were a lot of activities in which we split into small groups of 3-4 and performed interactive exercises.

This classroom was perfect for doing things like visual interpretation of poetry, interacting with literature through motion, & allowed for friendship to be made amongst students, which I think made a huge difference.

We were able to get up and actually engage with the lesson, rather than sitting and listening. A lot better especially for an 8 am class.

We need to think outside the box and have way more class rooms like this, it makes learning less dull and routine.

I'd like to see more interaction, using phone or tablets to interact with discussions, maybe questions addressed to class and students able to answer anonymously from phones or tablets.

More group based projects

More interaction with the teachers and students