

Higher Education Planning

Today's University facilities are tasked to fulfill the needs of a diverse student body, staff and community in a rapidly changing student centered environment. To meet these challenges and maximize university resources, each facility must be integrated into the fabric of the campus plan to contribute to the success of meeting the institutional mission. Whether it be campus, precinct, individual facility, or departmental programming, planning or design, our integrated team is adept at taking a comprehensive approach to meeting these challenges.

Analysis

Determination of program needs is part investigative research and part creative science. Working closely with stakeholders, administration and key leadership, we identify the key metrics that are driving space needs, and analyze data to determine the highest use of resources to address project and campus goals and objectives. We listen for underlying issues that aren't found in the data; issues that affect learning for both students and faculty.



Synthesis

A clear understanding of project goals and objectives along with a well understood program of needs is essential to an effective planning and design process. This understanding allows our team to effectively plan for the drivers of today's academic environments; increased collaborative and interdisciplinary efforts, improved interactive learning environments, integration of technology, flexibility of space, and creation of community.

The BSA LifeStructures team is dedicated to creatively improving learning environments.

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Significant Projects



IU Kelley School of Business – Hodge Hall

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

The addition and renovation of Hodge Hall was undertaken to increase Student/Faculty connection, retention, attendance and learning outcomes. Additionally the school wanted to increase student ability to learn in collaborative group settings more accurately mirroring professional work environments. Active learning classrooms, small group work zones, and interactive technology has allowed students to engage each other as well as faculty in increased dialogue and group work.

KEY FEATURES

- State-of-the-art collaborative audio visual technology spaces including global connections and wireless technology
- Configured spaces for after hours group-study
- Creates an identity for undergraduate program (separate from graduate program)



Purdue Krannert School of Management Master Plan

WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

The Master Plan study has identified three main goals in guiding future development: Create a Sense of Place/Community for the students, faculty and staff across the three facilities that at present have three distinct identities; Improve Wayfinding to improve student and faculty flow and increase connectivity of the facilities; Maximize Space Usage to Support Growth by organizing/reorganizing/utilizing space to its highest and best use.

KEY FEATURES

- Reorganization/Reuse of Space to best and highest use.
- Home for PURCE
- Wayfinding Improvement
- School Branding Enhancement through facility cohesion
- Facility Evaluation



McCourtney Hall of Molecular Science & Engineering

NOTRE DAME, INDIANA

McCourtney Hall creates an expanded learning and research district for the University of Notre Dame. The building itself anchors a new quad development that will further enhance the campus character. Within the facility students and faculty are engaged in a collaborative lab environment that is advancing the field of Molecular Science & Engineering. The building mixes wet, dry and computational labs with collaboration zones to promote interdisciplinary investigation and a community of research.

KEY FEATURES

- Supports collaboration between the College of Science's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and the College of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- Key programs include Drug Discovery, Biomolecular Research and Biochemistry Research
- Key core facilities include an NMR facility with four NMRs, a SEM facility and a Mass spectrometry facility

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