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Academic Libraries in Transition: The case of the AUK Library

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Agenda

- **Overview: Academic Libraries**
- **AUK Library: Current State Analysis**
- **21st Century Libraries**
- **Proposed Modification**



Overview: Academic Libraries

Main Purpose:

- Support the curriculum and research needs of university faculty and students.

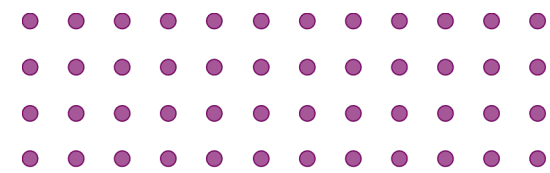
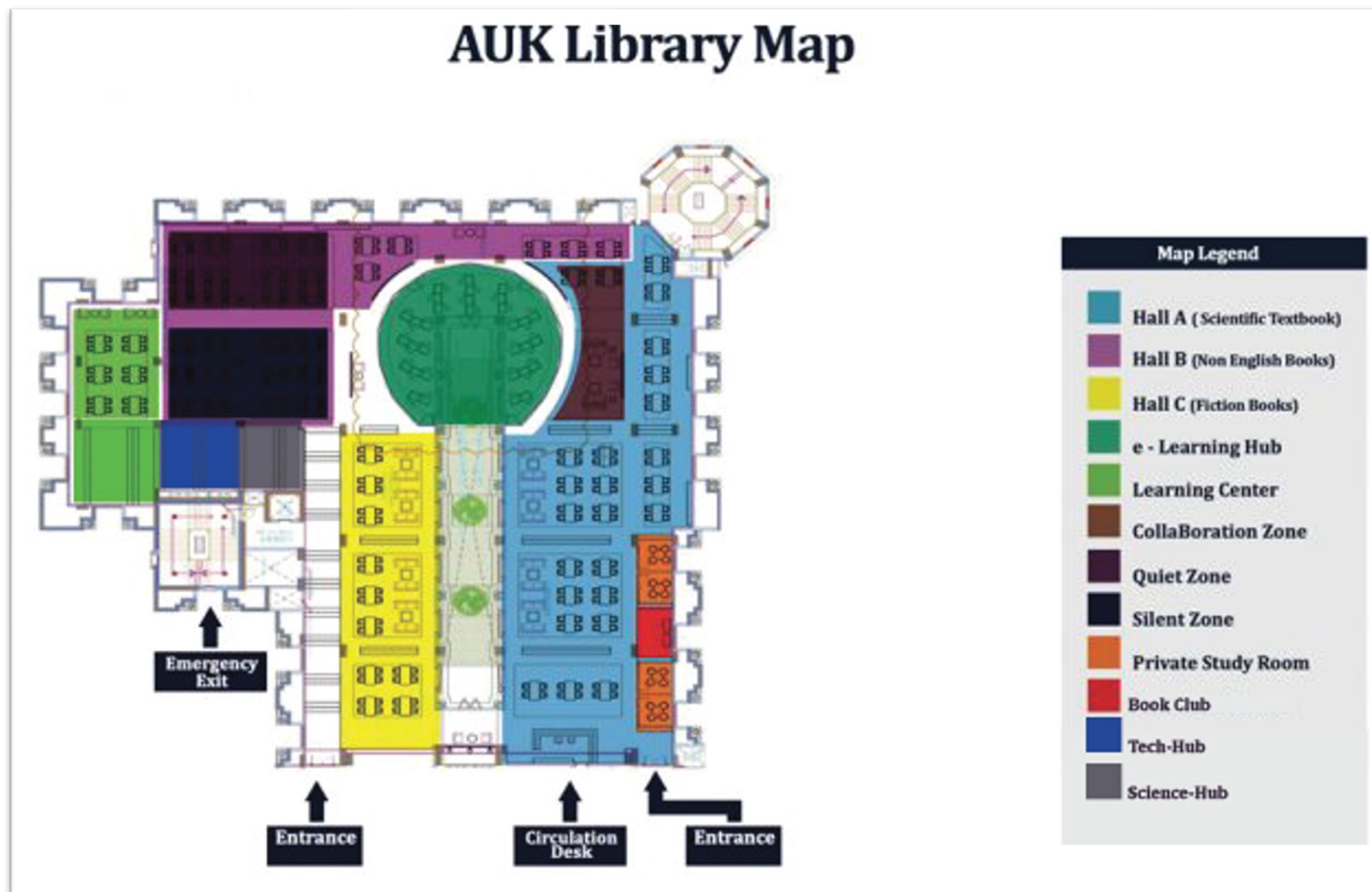
Focus on Collection Development:

- Emphasis on building extensive collections has often led to libraries being perceived as book warehouses.



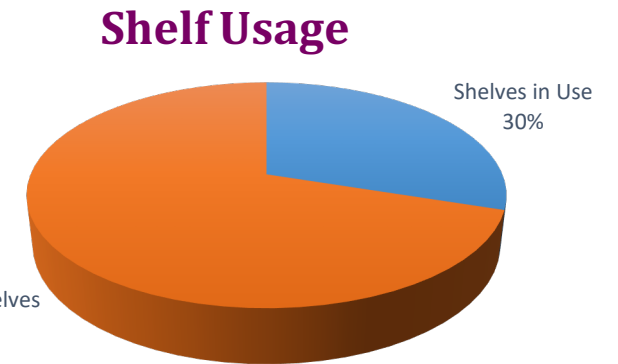
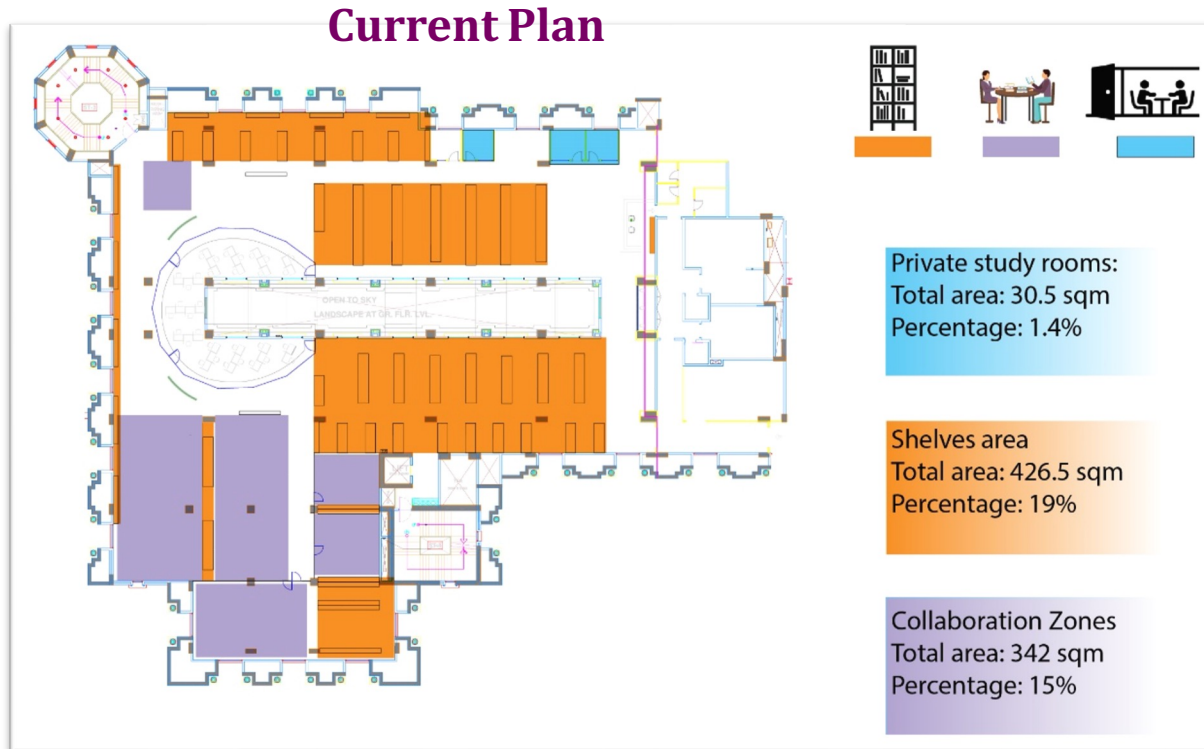
AUK Library

- The AUK library served as a primary location for both individual and group study for nearly seven years. However, a recent survey has shown that the current library design does not adequately cater to the evolving needs of the students.



Current State analysis

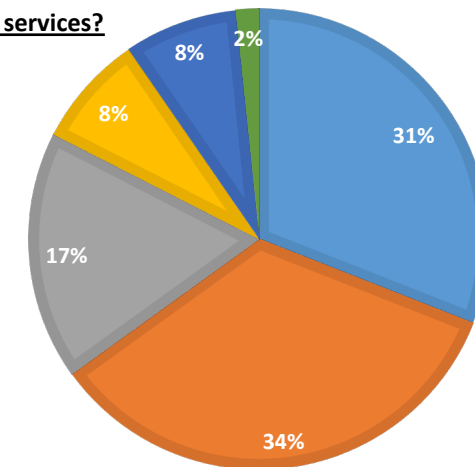
- Current Plan, Student Survey Question, Shelf Usage:**



Student Survey Question

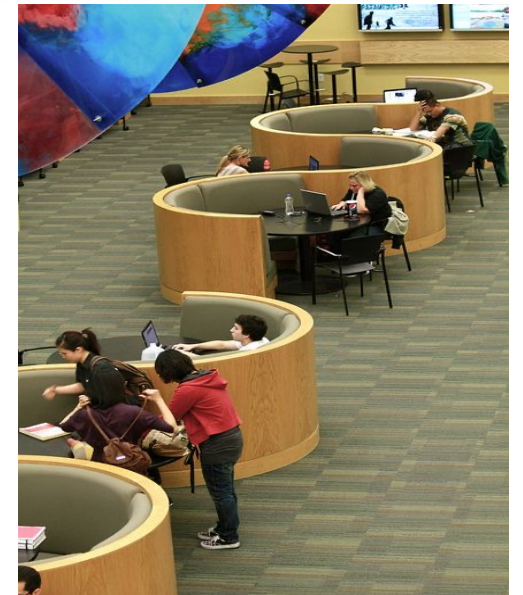
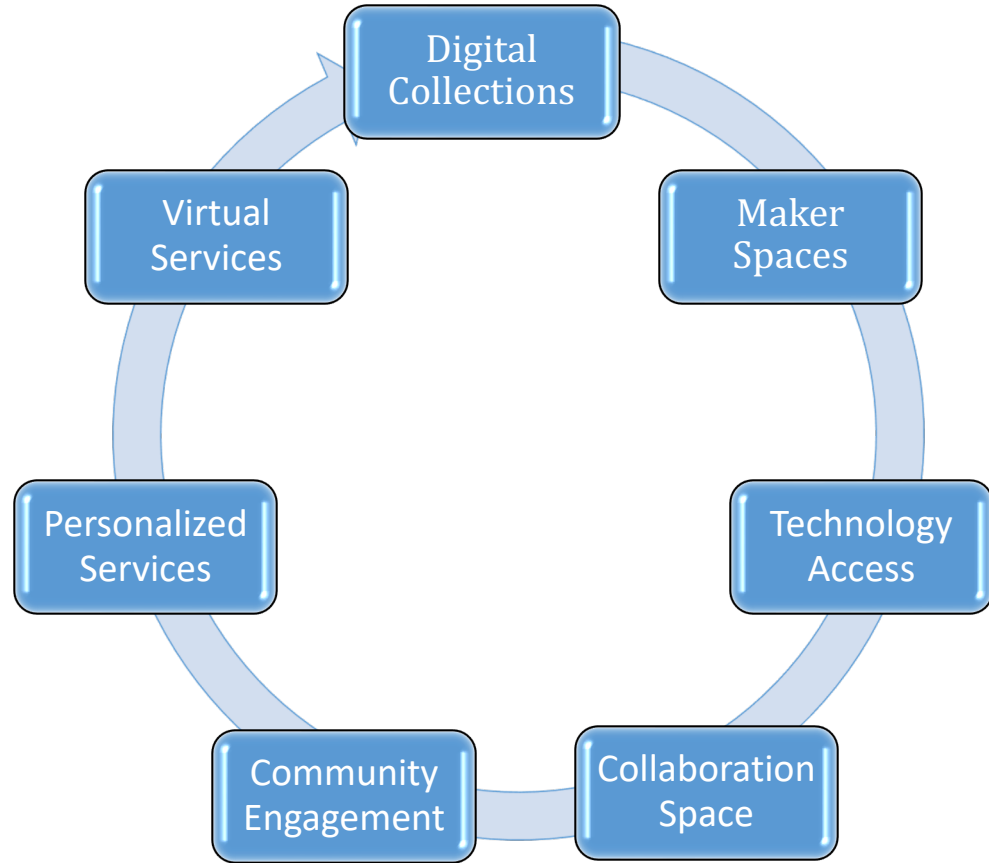
Why do you primarily use the library and its services?

- Group Study
- Private Study
- Using Computers
- Tutoring Sessions
- Using the Printer/ Photocopier
- Other



- The library's total area of 2138.55 SQM.
- A recent survey found that the library's design does not meet the changing needs of learners. The library has a small area allocated for private studying, with most of the space taken up by shelves. However, private study is a significant reason why students visit the library.

21st Century Libraries



Proposed Modification

Prioritize



AUK Library's new design prioritizes individuals over collections.

Modernize



The proposal aims to transform the library into a 21st Century Learning Hub.

Improve the Environment



The new design will create an inviting environment where people can read, study, access technology, and network with like-minded individuals to create and collaborate.

A welcoming space



AUK Library aims to create an inclusive and welcoming space that caters to all students.

Improve Interaction



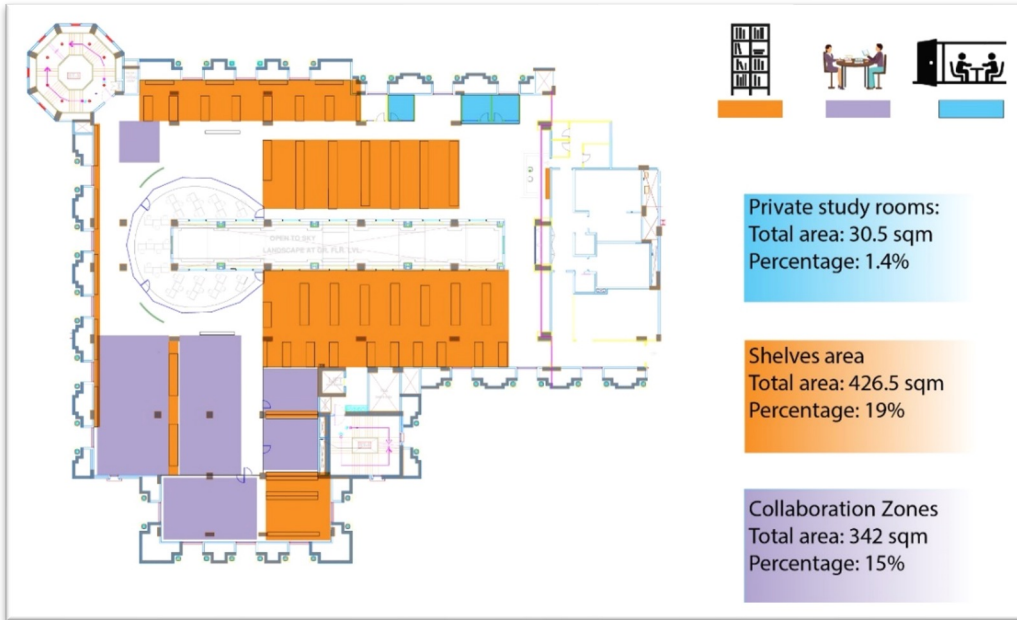
The design will encourage interaction, such as comfortable seating, natural light, and collaborative workspaces.

Pursue academic goals

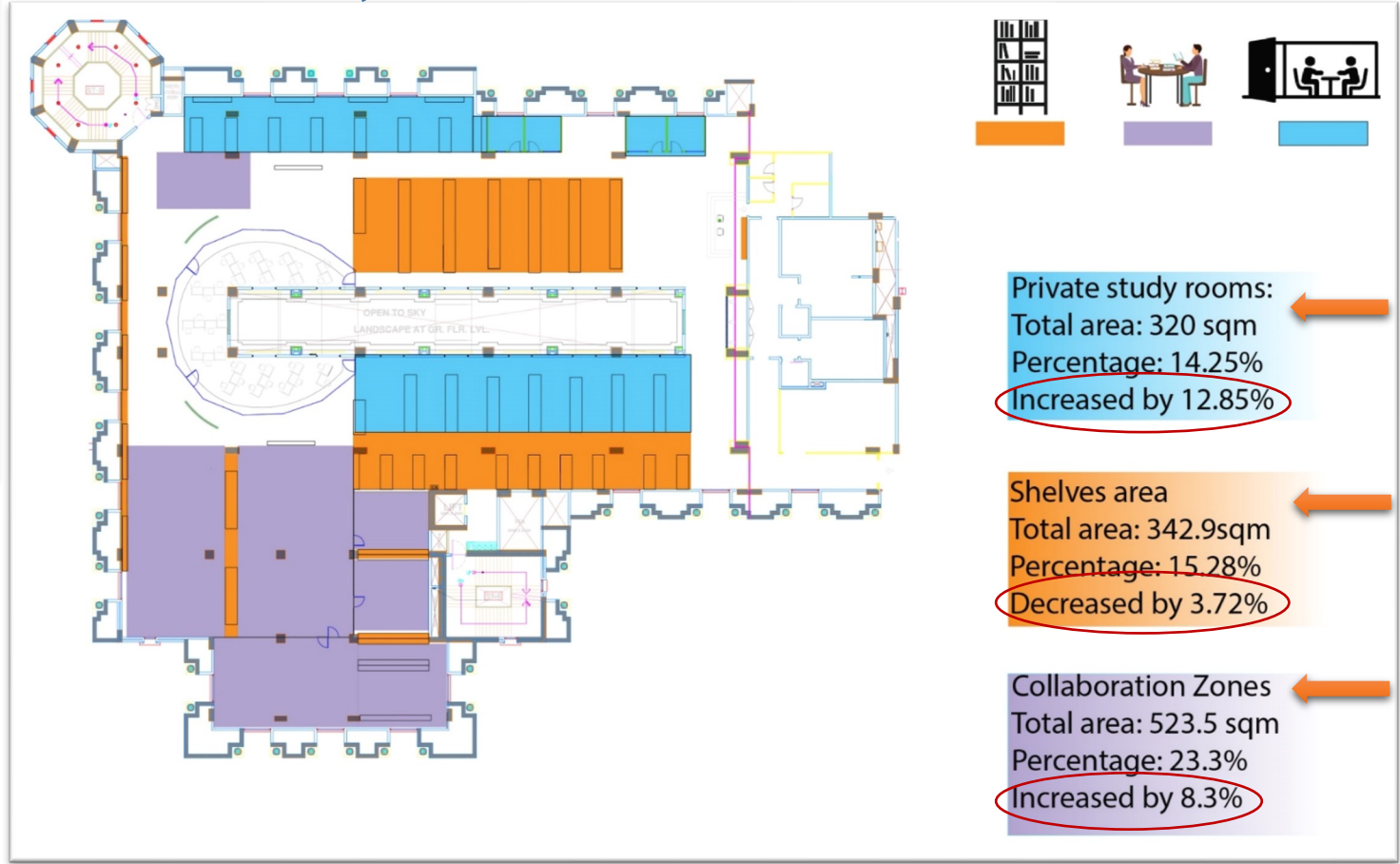


The ultimate objective is to inspire students to pursue their academic goals and engage in meaningful learning experiences in a space that caters to their needs.

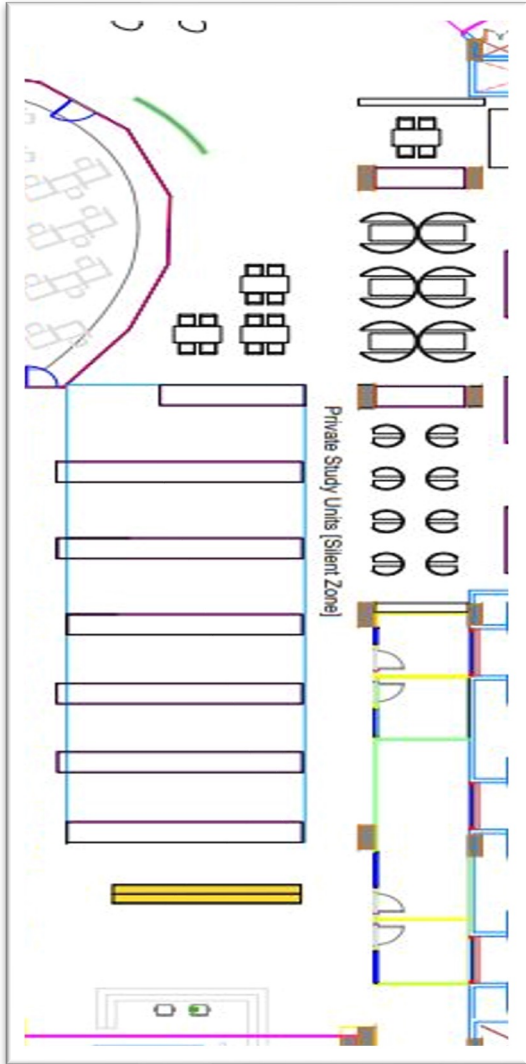
Current Floor Plan



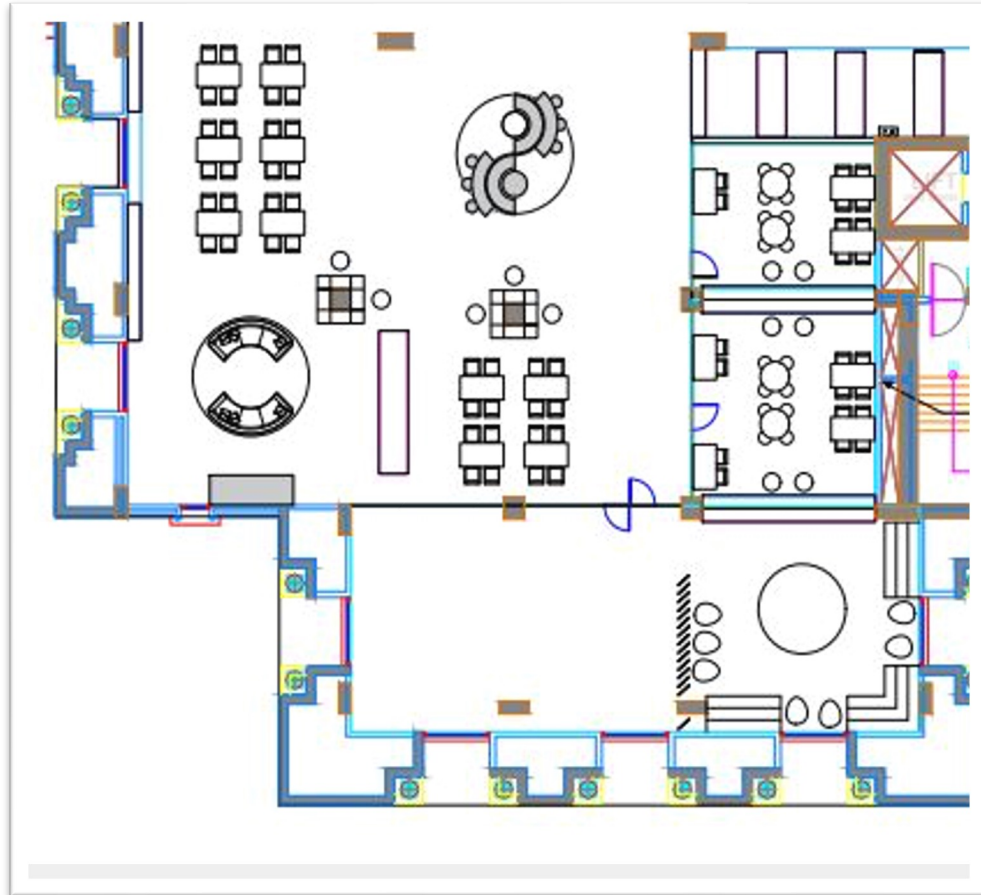
Proposed Changes



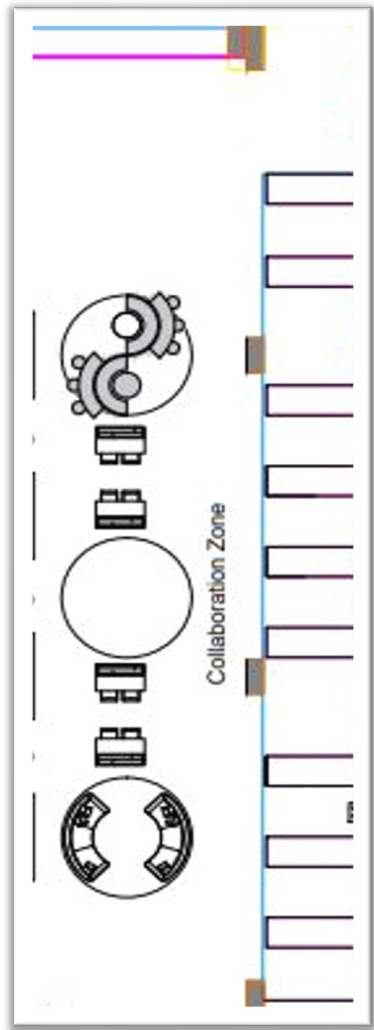
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Hall B



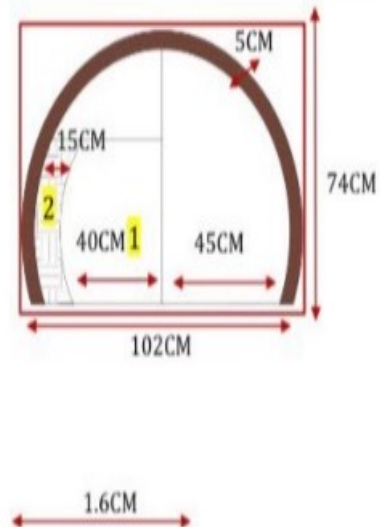
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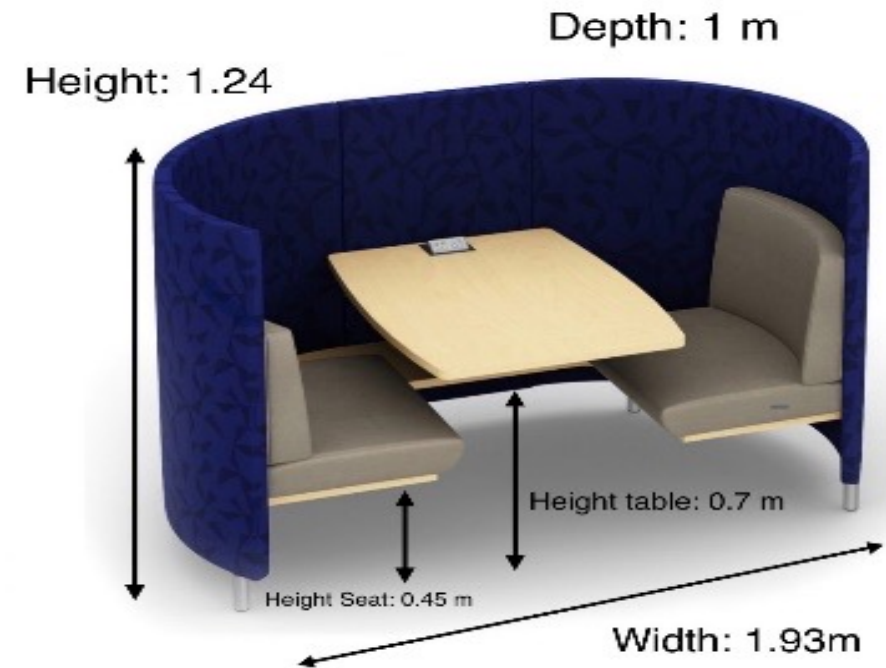
Dimensions of Customized Seating Spaces and Lighting

Single Study Nook

• Cubicle height: 120CM



Double Study Nook





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