

# WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

## Design Disciplines Facility

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| 2009 – 11 Request:    | \$16,100,000 | Project Type:    | Program (Renovation) |
| Institution Priority: | #12          | Project Phase:   | Design/Constr        |
|                       |              | Gross Square Ft: | 77,551               |

Washington State University requests \$16.1 million to design and renovate a centrally located building to house several core academic and administrative activities in need of better space.

This building was formerly home to the student book store, which recently moved into the newly renovated Compton Union Building.

After renovation, the vacant building will provide permanent, contemporary, and cost-effective teaching and administrative facilities for faculty, undergraduates, graduate students and staff for several academic departments and support areas that are desperate for better quality and more centrally-located space.



The Interior Design (ID) and Apparel Merchandising, Design and Textiles (AMDT) departments of the College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Resources Sciences (CAHNRS) will relocate from substandard and remotely-located space they now occupy on the Pullman campus.

The Apparel, Merchandising and Textiles Design (AMTD) department has been housed in “temporary” facilities for eight years which presents challenging environments for quality teaching and learning.

Their offices, classrooms and laboratories are located in Kruegel Hall (built in 1956) which is a vacated dormitory and ill-equipped for research and teaching activities. The absence of air conditioning in laboratories where equipment puts off additional heat has presented a critical student safety issue in recent years.

Additionally, both ID and AMDT have teaching missions that utilize design studios and both programs are dominated by female students. The current location of the design studios is in an isolated part of campus and presents serious safety risks for students and faculty who work many hours late into the evenings and weekends. Relocating to a building closer to the core of campus will increase the safety and security for these students.

WSU is ranked in the top-10 in the nation in Interior Design, and significant investment in faculty in AMDT has placed it in a trajectory to gain similar status within a few years. Substandard facilities impact the success and growth of academic programs including faculty and student recruitment and retention. The location of the Design Disciplines facility will benefit the visibility and access of undergraduates to departmental and associated classes while providing an attractive, efficient, and safe learning environment for students and faculty.

The Intensive American Language Center (IALC) who is also located in an old dormitory building will be relocated to the Design Disciplines facility. This move places the Center closer to the core campus and their umbrella organizational unit, International Programs. The WSU Police Department will occupy a portion of the space which puts them in closer proximity to the areas traditionally requiring police presence including residential areas within and near the campus.

Renovation of the former “Bookstore” is an excellent programmatic, space, and cost effective solution supporting the operational requirements identified for these academic programs and support units. The majority of the facility is open space, therefore extensive demolition is not anticipated except as required by the energy code. Low “build-back” renovation for the proposed programs is anticipated due to the flexible and open spaces required.