Criteria for TILE Classroom Designation
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Across the University of Iowa campus, classrooms and other learning spaces are being transformed to support active learning pedagogies. In order to differentiate these unique new spaces from traditional lecture-style classrooms, the University of Iowa has chosen to brand these spaces as TILE (Transform, Interact, Learn, Engage) spaces.

While not all TILE spaces are identical, they do share some fundamental characteristics and functionality. TILE spaces are:

- interchangeable in that an instructor who has constructed a course to be delivered in one TILE classroom is able to teach this course in any TILE-designated space (subject to course enrollment)
- designed to promote active learning pedagogies and student collaboration
- equipped with extensive technology
- managed through the General Assignment Classroom (GAC) pool

Currently, most TILE classrooms include the following:

- **Technology Components**
  - a large monitor display for each student table
  - large screens and projectors that allow viewing of an image by the entire class
  - switching technology controlled by the instructor, allowing the instructor to switch images between many different monitor locations
  - network connectivity (wireless or wired, as appropriate) for student computers (personally owned or supplied by the University)
  - microphones available at each table in larger rooms
  - other technology as needed to supply presentation and multi-media content – DVD or Blu-ray players, document cameras, instructor monitors that provide annotation capability, etc.

- **Furnishing Characteristics**
  - an instructor podium that does not dominate the classroom, nor is there an obvious space that represents the traditional front of the room
  - room furnishings designed to promote student collaboration
    - chairs that are movable
    - tables and writing surfaces allowing students to work in small groups of several students
    - ample surfaces for student work (whiteboards, glass boards or slate boards)

The Learning Spaces Executive Committee will review proposals for new active learning locations and determine whether the necessary attributes are in place to adopt the TILE designation. The criteria in this document will be reviewed as classroom design evolves to meet pedagogical needs.