**QUESTION 3: What environments have inspired you to learn (this does not have to be at Western Michigan University)? What were you doing in this space? Describe how you felt in this space?**

- The CEAS makes me want to learn everytime I go in it. It’s new and people are always around. Plus they have lots of study areas which I really like because it makes it easy for me to meet up with group members or study with a friend before a test without having to worry where to meet up at.
- Those with a sense of community, opportunity to congregate to work on projects, ideas, research, etc that communicated a sense of collegiality but also that housed a dept’s staff and faculty together and was not spread out (this was in my own graduate education). Environments with technology, easy access to resources, quiet, comfortable.
- Clean, well kept, no graffiti
- A place that is open with lots of light and windows. Really being outside on campus is what inspires me.
- The computer labs have always been a great sources of learning and instruction.
- I went to preschool everyday for my senior year and I loved it.
- Happy and colorful.
- Friendly, organized spaces with comfortable chairs. Places like libraries and nice classrooms. It helps if they are nice-looking; i.e., good lighting, decent paint jobs, no obvious repairs to be made. They make me feel like I can focus.
- Open, comfortable, plants and small trees, access to outdoors--patios, etc.
- Quiet library with walls lined with books.
- The environments have been comfortable with easily accessed technology for both the professor and the students. The room was easily re-arranged to facilitate group interactions. The room had moveable chairs and tables. There was plenty of natural light.
- Brown Hall.
- This building is new and inviting. I go there to study often. It makes me feel more professional and a better student.
- Everything about East Campus inspires me. I am dismayed by the idea that East Campus isn’t used anymore because everything about it is prestigious, historical, and beautiful. Being in this environment with the vine-laced buildings makes me feel as though I was apart of something unique and honorable. That is how I want to feel when I am on WMU’s campus.
- Comfortable chairs, adequate space to spread out notes and books, instructor able to make eye contact with all students, natural lighting.
- Space dedicated to specific activities with available furnishings, such as a well designed library. Spaces that bring in sunshine, natural light, fresh air (when possible). I went to a college designed by Benjamin Thompson and Associates. The buildings were ugly from the outside, but inside there were many nooks for students to meet and either study by themselves or in small groups. As a researcher/writer, I usually do best in space with a desk, a comfortable yet supportive chair, and plenty of room to spread out. You may want to consider lockers or cages for people to leave belongings so they have a place to leave coats and other belongings.
- Quiet attractive spaces are the best environment..natural light is always important.
- The outdoors. My inspiration for learning comes from nature - trees, plants, rivers, streams, etc. I grew up near the beach, so water plays an important role for me. I enjoy the spaces created in nature and the freedom to grow.
- Environment doesn’t play the big role - it’s lack of intrusion of the environment - not distracting - either good or bad.
- I am both a student and an employee. Environments that are healthy, filled with light and have a professional demeanor about them promote my ability to learn. Facilities in Schneider Hall and the new Health/Human Services building are not only clean and modern, they were designed to specifically meet the needs of the type of students most likely to take courses in the building. This includes social and study areas, as well as classrooms.
- Quiet, well lit (natural light). Makes you feel rested and confident.
- I always enjoyed the business college classrooms while I was a student. I like the “stadium” seating present in most of those rooms. I like relaxed spaces with comfortable seating--pleasing wall and decor colors, natural and warm light, etc.
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Oxygen, open, flexible, creative, adaptable - think Montessori for adults.

Buildings communicate with their inhabitants. Whether it is the majesty of an old cathedral or the warmth of a fireplace in a cozy study - there is a need to communicate purpose and care to the inhabitants and guests.

WMU's College of Engineering is a good example of student learning spaces. There are eight "living rooms" in the building. They are comfortable, quiet, and conducive to studying.

The best learning environments have been those in which people could work together in a variety of configurations--small groups, large groups, lectures, labs, casual, and formal. In other words, a setting that permits flexibility in grouping while managing the needs of groups (noise, technology, etc).

Quality, comfortable, adaptable space.

I like our current space in the basement. We have shared office space for our grant, and ample space for our production lab.

I hope that you take into account programs that need different than just individual faculty offices. We need open, versatile space.

Spaces with different kinds of seating - some more comfy - tables, indirect lighting or natural lighting that encourages reading and thinking. Spaces that are movable and encourage group discussion or private, individual thinking. The places that inspire learning for me are fluid and flexible so they can meet different needs for many people and situations.

Environmentally friendly spaces such as the College of Health and Human Services building offer a great learning atmosphere.

An environment that is clean and well taken care of, is pleasing to the eye, and that is inviting to the learner most inspires me. I like knowing and "feeling" that learning is valued and that the student is valued. Buildings do much to set the tone: this is a place of learning, a learning community.

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Spaces that have natural lighting, open study areas... the Lilly Library at Earlham College in Richmond, IN has particularly interesting design and space and would be worth looking at.

The Waldo Library has some really nice design. I especially like the changes made over the last few years on the lower level.

The spaces in both the Health and Human Services building and the Parkview campus buildings are open with water and plants in the area and outside. They are friendly, open warm spaces with natural elements that are conducive to a learning atmosphere.

The Center for New Media at the Arcadia campus of KVCC downtown is also a place designed to inspire learning and creativity, and is also equipped with cutting edge technology-sort of the ultimate combination!(I teach part time at the Arcadia campus)

Open classrooms that are inducive for debate and discussion

The basement of the library. I am around people, but it is semi-quiet. Also, I can eat food there. Maybe they could put a small area like that in there towards the front of the building facing the parking lot.

No picnic tables in the parking lot...

I like to see spaces that are inviting for students to enjoy. I see students just going from one class to another and I wonder if there was a space for them, would they interact with each other more?

I think areas that have open atriums with natural sunlight really attract me to use it for learning.

Easy access to hooking up computer or other technology, lights of open space, and natural light. In particular I like the idea of nature being in the inside perhaps with live plants? the space should be easy to manipulate for multiple uses small group work to individual seats.

Fetzer Center and WMU-Southwest Regional Site

Spaces with lots of windows overlooking a natural, green space. I studied and did course work in it. It made me feel calm and contemplative.
Chem building lobby, Brown Hall lobby. Parkview Engineering college. These are all great places to meet with people and collaborate. They promote an open learning atmosphere - great feeling to them.

A space that feels welcoming ye innovative inspires me. The building need to be student friendly yet modern at the very same time. And finally the building needs to have a soul and personality of its own.

I like open areas with a view of the outdoors, though sometimes that also distracts me. I like things quiet, but then I am old!

spacious classrooms with modern computer and audio/visual equipment.

I need space that is open, bright and organized. Easy access to food and drink also helps.

Buildings with traditional architecture are inspiring, such as those on WMU's East Campus. Their beauty and aesthetics make me feel connected to the foundations of Western Civilization. I like a lot of windows and natural light. I also like rooms that are spacious and have movable furniture to allow for a variety of activities.

natural light,

Inviting rooms; vibrant colors, spacious ...
Felt comfortable, relaxed

-Open, yet secluded study space that is bright, modern, and comfortable
-Comfortable seating
-Modern technology (i.e., projectors, computer ports, etc.)
-Small class sizes

Usually the environments that I work best in have natural light sources, innovative technology, and calming, comfortable spaces from calming colors to comfortable chairs. A good place to take a cue from is the College of Health and Human Services.

Lots of light, soothing colors, latest technology, and study rooms. I really liked studying in between classes at the Haworth College of Business study lounge. It had a lot of space with lots of windows where you could meet up with students from your classes or study on your own. I felt productive but also not cooped up all day inside since the room was all windows.

Comfortable spaces, adjustable light, quiet.
I felt safe and comfortable here.

Sturdy but open, and not too modern looking.

I love the look of the lounges and computer labs in the CHHS buildings. I think that the space is modern, yet quite and comfortable which really helps in learning and doing homework

I like the CHHS

The College of Health and Human Services is beautiful. The classrooms are calming and relaxing. The tables and chairs are comfortable, and suited to an adult learning environment.

Libraries have always inspired me to learn. I like to be surrounded by books, even if I’m not there to use them. A quiet table with lots of natural light. Plants, or at least natural materials, soothing colors.

On the other hand, sometimes I need a louder place, one of activity and community. A coffee house atmosphere with group tables, music, coffee. Kalamazoo College achieved this with their first floor information commons at their library, Big B’s coffee and all.

The new brown hall overlooks the courtyard in front of miller. Those fountains are beautiful to have out the 2nd floor window and I loved being in that classroom.

Space itself never inspired me to learn. My best classes were in some of the ugliest buildings. But then again that's me, because I did not expect that much. As a professor, it is a work issue and for students, many of them want to feel pampered because a college environment offers a respite from their very busy and trying worlds of work and family.
Any clean, bright, modern and safe area on campus... Examples would be the Chemistry building study lounge on the top floor. The break out lounges at Parkview. I hear a lot of opinions of campus since I work with perspective students and their families. They "traditional look" is more than "last century". Its time to modernize campus. I hear this no joke once a week. Something along the lines of, "I am surprised (meant negatively) at the age/condition of many of the buildings on campus."


It made me feel a part of academic excellence.

The environments that help me learn are usually isolated and provide no distractions. I think it's important to have more spaces like this to promote focused study.

I prefer serene and peaceful settings, waterfalls, trees, and open green space. Being able to be close to nature to study and learn is excellent. Nature is full of innovative and unique designs, which can be inspiring and be nurturing at the same time. Also, a space where I could openly express myself, because the room was expressive, is another excellent spot for learning. It encourages you to go out and try new things, to be bold.

User friendly, easy access, student centered,

I felt most comfortable in sangren in my little office. I spent every waking day there. helping prepare students to teach out in the real world. I was constantly on the email for my organization or running around the building talking to profs

-Waldo Library interior
-HHS interior and exterior

I tend to prefer quite, well lit (preferably by natural light) spaces to study in. When in class I tend to like rooms that allow some room between students, have natural light, and are not too hot or too cold.

I frequently make deliveries or visit Flossie's.

Environmental with natural light and with spaces for collaboration have shown to be great for learning. I used to go to the student center at KVCC (Oshtemo Campus) even though I was not a student there because of all of the plants, the open space, and the natural light because it was very relaxing, yet conducive for studying. There were &quot;cubbies&quot; for studying and a great little coffee shop for chatting and getting to know students/faculty.

Spaces that fit the purpose - seminar rooms that were appropriately sized and had furniture to support the seminar, with good technology and well-designed lighting options; science classrooms with tables and counter/sink/storage spaces, safety equipment, and access to outdoors; lecture spaces with good ventilation, lighting, and field of vision - with breakout rooms nearby.

A space that is creative or just a little special -- it shows that I, the student, am important enough for someone to have put some thought into the space I am learning in. The spaces can be creative though texture, shape, color, versatility, display provisions - like more than just tack surfaces maybe ledges, diagonals, features that also mean something like energy efficiencies, green architecture renovation.

I appreciated the appearance and space of the CHHS building.

I really enjoy the new rooms in Brown Hall. The classrooms are big and roomie. The desks are big and allow for space. The environment invites you to learn.

Everyone loves nature, and everyone loves art. The new East campus building is lovely.

The kalamazoo public library has inspired me to learn, it has color, places to sit, different seating arrangements, and things that can assist me when needed.

Green space. Connects with outside, yet still has technology within the rooms.

I love the space with all of the windows in the back of the building

A calm, relaxful atmosphere.

An open area, very spacious, and quiet area helps me to learn the best. I study while I'm in that area. The space makes me feel separated and distant from others, which I find is the best way to study.

I have spent time in Waldo library studying because of its coziness and convenience. I also have most of my classes at the health and human services college where the building is spotless and full of new technology that makes learning easier.

Peaceful, serene, calming places are great to learn.

The buildings with new seating and writing surfaces that are not crowded promote a better learning environment. If students are packed in class like sardines they are more apt to talk rather than pay attention to the instructor.
SANGREN HALL USER SURVEY

QUESTION 3

| Clean environments have always inspired me to learn and do more. |
| Comfortable spaces with comfortable seating and climate control and modern technology. |
| Have you been to WMU in Benton Harbor? |
| I love coffee houses. The mellow music and clean atmosphere |
| The College of Health on East Campus, the building is wide open and I love the calmness of the water...so soothing. |
| I feel I am ready to focus and learn without distractions. |
| I was in a big auditorium for class and felt very comfortable. |
| The cafe is big, open & friendly! |
| The renovation of Brown was done well. |
| I especially enjoy the space in the CHHS. I have taken a few classes in there, and found myself to be calmed by my surroundings and more open to the content of the courses I was in. |
| A bright positive, clean environment, such as the ones in Brown Hall. |
| The technology is a most. |
| In those spaces, the environment is not distracting as that of Sangren's because you don't focus on the missing tiles, or moldings when a professor is lecturing. |
| Images of effective solutions. Images of people don't necessarily inspire me. Show me how a problem got solved and what that solution did to change things. That inspires me. |
| Space and calming decor. |
| I love the new doc camera and technology they seem to be working well in the classroom. |
| The library because one floor you can basically interact with everyone and in another floor you have to be quiet i like this because it lets me change the comfortableness of my studying |
| Places that are open, well designed and updated. Windows and lots of seating are nice. |
| Somewhere that has places to plug in a laptop, seating that fits real size people (think both taller and heavier) with natural or more natural looking light. |
| Open spaces to work either with a group or another person. classes with more options to seating arrangements. |
| Spacious classrooms...not too cramped, easy to rearrange furniture. |
| Smaller classrooms in wood hall |
| Schneider hall, because it is new, professional, and different than any other building. I had classes in this building, and would also stay there to use the study lounge and catch up on work, because it is bright and energetic in the building. |
| Off campus coffee shops |
| Spacious seating, plugs in the floor for laptops, well regulated temperatures, built in projectors. |
| a quiet space, but not too relaxing or anything because then it would make me fall asleep. I learn well in the library. I get a lot of things done there. |
| I learn best in clean, quiet spaces with natural light. |
| I do a lot of work in the Lee Honors College lounge. The space is comfortable, quiet, and open. There is a resource lounge for printing and for study groups. |
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| I attended education classes at Sangren but did not make use of the building for any other learning - except for the library, the building was not learner-friendly. |
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Environments where they focus on teaching methods, not state of the art BS. Just because PowerPoint is available doesn't mean that you have to use it. Instead, professors come into class throw some words on a slide, show it to the class and murmer to themselves. They didn't do that in Highschool and most students learn better when they aren't hearing someone just blabble on about nothing. Try hands on things! Or ways that stimulate the mind in other ways than sight!!!

I like the classrooms at Brown Hall at WMU - they are spacious and you can see outside. I like being able to see outside while I’m in class.

Somewhere in a technologically advanced room. Modernism and technology sparks creativity. In this space, playing around is gadgets and chemicals.

1) DeVos Hall - I participated in State Honor’s Choir. I felt like I was part of something great because the place was soo incredibly beautiful.
2) Dalton - I had some classes there. I love hearing the music all over the place. It may be older, but it has some serious character.
3) Richmond Center for Visual Arts - I just love art. I love it because it's new and expansive.

Areas that are open, but have little tables or cubbies to sit at and study. This allows one to avoid feeling constricted, but at the same time to feel as though there is a little privacy.

I have been studying abroad for over 1 1/2 in France. I have had the opportunity to study at two different university’s and live in a culture much different than our own. I think the US in general is technologically 10 - 15 year behind Europe with uses of certain devices and technologies that help us learn. When i step into the building I think old and dark.

I am able to study best at large tables. I can’t stand the common seat-attached-to-table chairs. They disallow good group work and it’s complicated to complete assignments on their small tables. I would appreciate if the windows were kept in all classrooms. I say this because in the newly renovated Brown Hall there are classrooms without windows.

While visiting my friend at UofM I went to one of the lecture halls there and thought it was very nice how instead of auditorium style seating in the lecture hall there was long tables with chairs behind them. I thought it was much easier to take notes and listen.

A number of buildings on central campus at the University of Michigan, such as the law library and student union, have been my go-to places for majoring cramming. It’s a drive, but worth it. Locally, the buildings on east campus are a true inspiration. These spaces give one a sense of grandeur and possibility. Unlike many of the concrete buildings on Western’s campus, they don’t make one wonder what they’re doing there.

Spaces need to be bright, natural light is always helpful. Spaces need to be comfortable with the room and technology to learn successfully. Table style class rooms are great for group work which is something most classes do throughout the semester.

Quiet and peaceful environments. Studying

My High School environment helped me learn because of the help I could get from my classmates and teachers. I felt like I could rely on others to help me when I needed help.

Open spaces that were "flexible" and could take different shapes and sizes depending on the context of the intended learning environment. Lots of window space, natural sunlight, spaces for lounging (comfortable couches, tables, chairs for inside...lawn space with shady trees for outside) that are quiet for studying, but spaces for talking and conversing. Community is often created in these kinds of spaces.

The chem building definitely feels very conducive to learning. I enjoy the bio labs in Wood, as well. I like bright, open spaces. I am prone to bouts of depression, and especially in the winter, it is crucial for me to try to do my learning and studying in a well-lit, open, bright, clean, inviting space.

at University of Missouri, large areas with seating and tables which worked well for group work and comfortable areas to study between classes.

In Brown Hall, I felt like a professional rather than a simply a student. This is because the area they rebuilt is well taken care of, technologically enabled, and beautiful.

I REALLY love the lobby area of the CHHS -- water and plants make studying seem not so horrible. It is also great how the professors and other faculty there are so accessible through the different departmental area wings.

I really enjoyed the study lounge with the large windows looking out over campus in Sangren. It was nice relief from the rest of the building.
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I enjoy the large lecture room in the Chemistry building. The seats allow you to move around some without disturbing the people around you, and you sit at a table instead of a desk so there is a lot more room for note taking or test taking. I also enjoy the classrooms in Wood hall (1710 and 1718 specifically). The seats are stadium style even though it is not that big of a room.

I feel inspired to learn in the library because I know it is a place meant for studying. Maybe Sangren hall could have a special area dedicated to quiet studying only.

I like my learning environment to be quiet, clean, and comfortable. The classroom setting that I learn best in is bright, clean, uncluttered, and has comfortable seating. My undergraduate institution had "computer chairs" in all of the classrooms (padded chairs that have wheels and you can adjust the height). This is helpful, especially when we are sitting in 3-hour classes (and especially when we have two classes in a row! Six hours sitting in small, uncomfortable chairs is not a good learning environment). For a library space, I also like the room to be well-lit with natural light and have lots of windows and large tables. I would have used the Sangren Education Library more frequently to study or write papers in if the chairs were more comfortable and if there was different lighting.

As a design student, a place that is energetic and inspirational are helpful with learning. Also a space that has that available tools and resources for learning.

Environments that inspire me to learn are bright in color, comfortable seating, windows to the outside, all just helps me stay focused.

comfortable seating

clean/new looking environment

study spaces

felt at ease and focused

Quite often in education courses teachers like to be able to move the desks around so that we can have a discussion. We most often will put the desks in a circle or U shape so that we can have a better discussion and everyone feels like they are involved.

I really love incorporating nature within the building. The courtyards within Sangren Hall should be kept but redesigned a bit to make it more inviting so students can go out there and enjoy the nature.

calming colors: white floors/white walls just make it easy to drift off into a daze and forget that I’m there to learn.

the lounge areas: I like how the Chem building, business college and nursing school have small lounges where you can meet with friends and just feel more at home.

Waldo library is nice. I also like the new chemistry building.

I feel like I have done my best learning in environments that are bright, look interesting, and are more modern. I feel like I am just more motivated to work when I am in these conditions.

A happy energetic environment, whee people can interact and learn.

Comfortable is the best description. When I am not constantly shifting my position during class, then I am more likely to pay attention to what the professor is saying.

Haworth, The Chem building, Parkview. The Miller plaza, the water feature infront of the library. The library. The sculpture on campus. All these things are inspirational to my learning environment. These places and features make me proud to be on WMU’s campus, and offer many comfortable spaces to learn. Sangerin looks like a prison.

Waldo Hall is my favorite. The rooms are nicer, the desk/chair set up is comfortable, the technology seems to be better.

Waldo Library was always a great place to study, it had multiple kinds of spaces, loud/quiet, group space/individual study space. The Bronco Mall is always a really good dynamic environment.

Spacious desks or tables that allow for me to have a book open, a laptop, and still have room to take hard copy notes.

Environments that are clean and designed well have inspired me to learn. I feel that it is easier to learn without distractions of basic things like cleanliness.

The Library has cozy study spaces but still seems large.

I’ve only had one class in the chemistry building, but it was in one of the large lecture halls and it was very nice, comfortable, and conducive to learning.
Being outside is often a nice environment to work in. I like being able to feel the sun and see the grass through windows if I am inside. I like a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere.

The environments that inspire me to learn have vibrant colors and excellent lighting. They need to be inspiring, not dark and lackluster.

I like big bright rooms with comfortable tables, not individual desks.

Study rooms, and a nice looking cafe - made me feel like it was easy to get work done.

Generally, it helps if a room's more open structure-wise. I can't really say where has inspired me to learn directly, but I can say that Kalamazoo Central's structure (small, narrow windows that let in little light) were not appealing at all. My mood and the amount of natural light in a building tend to be directly correlated, so larger windows would probably be nice, if at all feasible. (Maybe skylight-style windows at the ceiling of applicable rooms?)

An open, modern, and stimulating environment that allows a student to relax and focus.

Newly renovated spaces make me feel relaxed. Spaces that are clean, fresh, restored/new are great regardless of design. A design can be modern or classical, etc. if it is clean and new it is more desirable.

Environments that are open with sufficient natural light and are spacious. A great example of this the College of Health and Human Services bldg. I have had meetings in some of those offices and due to the space it seemed that people were in a better mood!

calm places..somewhat similar to Health and Human Services building. open areas, natural lighting. Usually studying for tests or getting work done. I didn't feel like I was in an empty colorless box like at Sangren.

The environment that inspired me to learn was spacious, quiet and accessible. A lot of room to put my things and allowed me to be organized and thorough.

Easy to navigate, building is spacious and more open.

n/a

Calming spaces, open air spaces with private areas within them. A great example is at KVCC's Texas Township Campus and their common area addition they added a few years ago. It provides a more relaxing environment from a traditional classroom and yet still encourages study and communication.

I've never been inspired by a building, only teachers.

I saw a lecture in the Fetzer Center and felt this environment was conducive to learning. I felt it allowed enough space to feel comfortable, but believed it was structured enough to keep my attention.

The Lee Honors college was a good place for me to study because it was so quiet and had comfortable seating. The Bernhard Center lobby area was a good place to work with other students because of the amount of seating and table space.

i learn in organized spaces and when i feel welcomed

Open spaces with built in technology. Clean lines, bright spaces (but not cold or industrial). Also, classes that allow seating to be rearranged, but still provides table space.

I am a chemistry minor at WMU and have spent a lot of time in the new chemistry building. The fact that it is state of the art and has so much to offer its students makes me want to get the most out of my time there.

I like it to be quiet, not distracting when i learn.

Bright, light, advanced technology, tables instead of chairs with folding desks, New lecture rooms in Chemistry building.

comfortable, relaxed, lots of windows

I prefer environments such as a Starbucks, or something of that nature. I like the wi-fi capability and the fact that it's a people friendly place that is clean and nice.

I think areas that have a modern look..i.e. (bright netrual colors, good lighting and soundproof rooms) are the best place for learning.

a quiet and spacious space, that is open with lots of natural light

I like to be able to see outside.

I personally favor more traditional buildings that just have that old historic feel. Areas where you can gather with friends to share a coffee or go to alone for quiet time or study time is always important. Areas in Sangren, like Flossies, doesn't cut it, it's too small and too bland, most of Sangren Hall has zero personality.
The building that I love to be in the most is the College of Health and Human Services. Everything is so modern and up to date. I love the sound of the waterfall. I love the idea of the cafe and an eating area with high chairs, regular tables, and comfy chairs. I love the clean atmosphere, and how it is usually quiet, it puts my mind at ease.

The new College of Health and Human Services building and the Chemistry Building are great. I have had meetings in these spaces and simply walked into the buildings to see what they look like.

I learned because of the great teachers that I have had in Sangren hall and the classmates I have shared learning with. However, it is disappointing to walk into a auditorium to learn a lesson and not be able to get half of the lights to work.

Environments that inspired me to learn are comfortable, both in ambiance and physicality. Seating is accommodating to most body types, presentation areas are well-lit and easily viewed from every angle within the room, colors are warm and soothing without being restful or sleep-inducing, and sound travels well without echoing.

In spaces such as the one described above, I have participated in discussions, observed lectures & presentations, or taken test & exams. The surroundings helped create a feeling of ease & comfort, leading me to be more secure in my environment and allowing me to focus more completely on the learning process.

The computer labs, they are nice and quiet and have easy access to information. I consider them to be a good place to study and get work done. They have few distractions.

I really like the new Chemistry building. It is bright and conducive to learning. It is modern but not boring. I also really enjoyed my class in Brown this past semester. The furniture was comfortable and the technology seemed to work well in the setting.

**SPACE, LESS CRAMMED, BIGGER DESKS**

Different needs are satisfied by different kinds of spaces, e.g., bright, well-designed relatively small (30 to 40 students) traditional classrooms for certain classes can be useful, but need more rooms/areas useful for team activities, online access, comfortable, old-fashioned study, easy technological access with human mediators as well as secluded research areas and carrels, interactive learning, etc.

I like Brown hall because of the way you can move the tables and chairs around so easily. In this space my teacher has had us sit in circles and groups more often and I like this type of learning better. I also like some of the small rooms in Wood hall because of the way the seating is set up in tiered, rounded, rows. When the room is modern, CLEAN, and generally well taken care of without a lot of clutter I feel ready to learn.

I love the CHHS its a great place that has a lot of space for students to go and study between classes and to work on group projects. Its not all hallways and frazzled students it has the areas and clamming environment that a lot of people like for learning.

Library. Studying and felt like i could concentrate

I like bright, open spaces that have views of natural green spaces outside. This gives a relaxing setting to study in. It is quiet, but not isolated.

I love the main lobby of the Health and Human services building. With the flowing water and plants it makes it so relaxing to sit and study.

Quiet spaces with room that I can spread out my equipment

When studying I like &quote;cozy&quot;, quiet, or small group space. For learning with others I am inspired by variety of venues such as ability to use smart boards, access the web, anything that allows quick access to information. Usually when learning it is comfortable space, comfortable chairs, quiet and appealing atmosphere.

I find that I learn in environments where there isn't a lot of noise to distract me. Spaces like that make me feel relaxed and let me concentrate on my studying.

I think Brown is a really good example of space that is conducive to learning. You have areas where you can sort of relax and read with a chair to sit at. You have areas around the building where you can do this. Its always a very inviting environment mainly because you have a good mixture of social and academic involvement in the building. I also feel that the accessibility in this building is excellent. It has a ramp for wheelchairs and steps. You can enter it the building in different places very easily - the entrances aren't hidden behind something or whatnot.

The Engineering Parkview campus is very innovative. Lots of room to spread out while studying and very clean. Lots of natural sunlight, too.
An open space that is quiet with warm earth colors.

Library in Sangren

Needed: Community space to gather

I really like Wood Hall. I like rooms that are spacious and quiet with a lot of light.

I love the new chemistry building on campus. I love the open windows and space its very aesthetically pleasing. But I don’t expect Sangren to look like that. I also think that Schnieder is a nice building that has good energy inside. I enjoy modern buildings to be inspired by as well as conservative building to focus in.

Environments that include:

- Lots of natural lighting
- Well designed/aesthetically pleasing hallways, including student art or contributions to "decorate";
- Classrooms that gives the professor an variety of places to teach from, a large amount of room to walk around, and good acoustics so that they can be heard well even in the back!
- A variety of room sizes suitable for different activities and class types

For my Intro to Human Development course we had the privilege of having one of the Lecture Halls inside of the College of Health and Human Services building. The stadium-style seating with comfortable chairs and overall wide seating area made paying attention much easier and allowed the professor to see and hear everyone in the room. It also allowed us students to easily interact with one another. The added technology in the room only helped with video and audio presentations

Smaller class sizes are the best environment for me to learn. The Chem building always makes class easy just because its so comfortable, I can concentrate on class.

The college of health and human services at WMU. It is open, looks nice, water fountain makes it very peaceful and relaxing, impressive design. I felt like I was at a good university not in a classroom.

I enjoy environments that I can be alone in, rather its just off to the side away from the 'main' area where people would tend to be or in a room that is by itself (study rooms?).

The Health and Human Services Building and the Brown buildings have inspired me to learn. They are clean, newly renovated, decorated, and have nice updated seating. I feel inspired to learn in this buildings instead of Sangren rooms because they seem so plain with white walls and a chalkboard

I love taking classes in Schneider Hall. It's open, inviting, and clean. I like classrooms where you can plug your laptop in without having to hug a wall or have extension cords.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Library is one of the most beautiful spaces of I've been in. Being set literally in the woods is so peaceful. I only ended up there because a friend needed a ride to a class at KVCC and I decided to spend the time doing some homework at their library. I have told so many people about this place and tell everyone that has the opportunity to check it out. I found myself very focused and productive while being in this space.

On all the places around western I would try to make Sangren resemble the chem building. It is open, easy to find where you are going, clean, up to date and comfortable to be in. Honestly whenever I see that I have a class in sangren I groan because I know how difficult the building is. If you could make sangren clean and impressive it would be awesome.

I learn in a comfortable, nature type environment. Not a stuffy building of room after room of drab. An area where I can see the outside. A quiet and clean environment.

Schneider Hall

A place that makes me feel like I’m in an advanced, technological, academic environment; somewhere that makes my learning feel important and official. A good example of this would be the Health and Human Services building, the Chemistry building, or even Brown hall -- I feel important and smart in those buildings, even if I’m just passing through.

Clean and bright ones surrounded by inspiring people. I feel more motivated.
The two types of classrooms I find to be the most effective learning places are either smaller classrooms with individual desks (like what is currently in the building), as well as the medium-sized lecture halls like the ones in Knauss hall. The very large lecture rooms such as the room 2000 in Schneider is far too large, it doesn’t encourage me to focus on the instructor as much as the lecture halls in Knauss. I felt comfortable in both of those environments. While I was in those rooms, I was taking notes on my laptop computer.

Quiet places with some type of inspirational quotes or pictures around the building to get me thinking.

Vibrant colors with positive messages all over

The business college has inspired me the most to learn. I think because the desks are often elevated from the floor, it’s spacious and bright. I find myself comfortable, like I would be in a large lecture hall, but also motivated to concentrate by the smaller amount of seating.

I had the best learning experience in environments like the new Brown Hall.

When there is an area to study with comfortable chairs and tables

Lighting really matters in environmental learning. I hate being in a classroom with terrible fluorescent lighting on top. Stadium seating like in Brown 1028 is really nice. Having tall ceilings, open space, modern furniture and colors chosen are all very important to learning for me.

The renovations in Brown Hall have been superb. That environment is very welcoming of learning. Clean, modern and new things will just make people want to learn there.

Areas with natural lighting that are quiet, comfortable.

College of Health and Human Services - very open and let’s in great natural light, has the Learning Resource Center (although slightly small for the number of students) which is a great place to study quietly, classrooms have modern technology and nice seating, good food at the cafe.

The HHS college building is great, very serene open, it fosters a positive mental image and thus contributes to a mind set of learning. It is also enviro friendly, which I appreciate immensely!

Open layout rooms for discussions in class

The place had to be futuristic. Technology usually gets me focused. I also like artistic architecture.

Environments that have inspired me to learn are neutral, warm, clean, and uncluttered. I usually use spaces like this to study. These places made me feel as though my mind were a little more clear and I had fewer distractions.

The new health and human services campus is beautiful!

The Southwest and Grand Rapids sites are very conducive to learning at the graduate level. The business college is a close second as far as furniture, and room environments are concerned.

Comfortable seating, designed for adults, not children.

Technology that works.

Electrical outlets for laptop computers.

Lighting that doesn’t flicker.

The environment in the new Health and Human Services building at WMU is very inspiring!

I really enjoy taking classes at the College of Health and Human Services building because it is a clean environment that is welcoming to students and is a fine example of an excellent working environment. Showing prospective students Sangren Hall is very embarrassing and this building sends students home with a negative vibe about Western. If those students could see a facility like the CHHS, it would send a positive message.

A few areas that have inspired me to learn are Brown Hall (it has added tremendous value to being a WMU Communications student), Disney University, Orlando, FL (it gave me a sense that I was a part of something special), University of Michigan Main Library (it has a great order, cleanliness, and is open 24 hours.)

Nature, plants, colors, art, flowers.

“Warm” environments with soft lighting and windows help me feel comfortable and focused.

Excellent question! However, I cannot elaborate at this time.

Quiet, with enough space to be apart from others, and access to information (i.e. computers, and space to make phone calls). Waldo Library is always my favorite place to study.
| Question 3 | 
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| I enjoyed walking into the new buildings using calm colors, beautiful artwork that pertained to the building/school. Nice materials used makes it great to be there. | 
| I love the open feeling and welcoming of Health and Human Services. I also love how in feels like you want to sit down and work as groups. Education is the founded on team work. | 
| Bright areas with large areas for the materials I am studying. | 
| Neat and organized rooms, such as in the chemistry building. With everything new and clean, it makes it more comfortable to be in those rooms so you are more inspired to learn. | 
| Environments that have natural lighting, either windows, or sky lights have been productive learning spaces for me. The library at Kalamazoo Valley Community College with the large glass windows was spectacular, and their commons area is very relaxing. Having windows is nice. I felt I learned more in the lecture hall in the Chemistry Building. It's easier to pay attention to the speaker when there is natural lighting. The dark lecture halls make it easy to fall asleep. | 
| Clean and organized spaces. | 
| Open spaces with nice views. | 
| The College of Health and Human Services atrium inspires me to learn with their open windows, comfortable and functional desks and chairs and cafeteria available. | 
| I enjoy areas that are quiet for study but will allow for group work. The more focused study areas at Parkview are very nice and great for studying and solving problems in because the cafe area is where people go that want to be on the louder side of group study leaving the lounges better for small groups and lone studying. | 
| Office space that allows me to have a few types of sitting, so I don't always have to be sitting in an ergonomically incorrect chair at an ergonomically incorrect computer table/desk, talking on an ergonomically incorrect phone. Perhaps this renovation/building project would include proper chairs and desks that have been adjusted for each individual person (not one size fits all). | 
| Windows that open. QUIET space. Materials needed are within easy reach. | 
| I have studied a lot while working out on stairmasters and elliptical machines. It would be great to have a walking treadmill in the office! | 
| WMU's North Library is a beautiful building which was a nice place to sit on a bench and read in the fall or spring. | 
| I really enjoy taking classes in Brown Hall. It is such a clean hall! I also feel more comfortable in classrooms with more comfortable chairs, rather than the old fashion individual desk. | 
| Tree cover, peaceful, and isolated spots work best for me so i don't become distracted. | 
| Environments that are bright and open with plenty of space to work so you don't have to worry about knocking elbows with the persons next to you or writing on a space that can barely fit your notebook. | 
| I feel that the newly updated Brown Hall is conducive to studying and learning. The tables in the classrooms are easily moved to create an interesting setting depending on the learning activity. However, I hope that the atmosphere in Sangren can remain more friendly and personal. | 
| I enjoy the lounges near the elevator on each floor. Its quiet and serene to the point where I can study and get my workload done. | 
| I felt inspired to learn in the chemistry building. It has a really academic feel to it. You walk in and the environment created just makes you feel that you are at college. Making people feel like students, COLLEGE students will inspire students to learn. | 
| The honors college also has a nice environment. The leather couches with a fireplace is nice. The building is clean, bright and pretty. There also is usually an advisor, fellow student, or professor or someone who can support you in that building as well. This inspires me to learn. I feel like I can go in there and not be afraid to make mistakes because someone in there will help you through them. | 
| I seem to feel inspired to learn in buildings that are clean, bright, relatively quiet, and filled with other motivated people. It helps. |
Some good places on campus that inspired me to learn are the clean, quiet rooms in Schneider Hall and the study halls in the same hall. All the other places on campus have hard wood chairs, cramped spaces, and a dirty atmosphere.

I feel very inspired in Brown Hall. That renovation is beautiful and it's really a fun atmosphere to be in! I think that students all agree that newer buildings help them to feel more productive and eager to come to class! I also have been inspired in Hayworth, because of the atmosphere.

I think environments with comfortable space and feeling. This is not to say we need huge comfortable chairs like the ones in CHHS, but the individual desks do not work well. I think it is easier to learn at the large tables or staggered seating such as the smaller rooms in Wood Hall.

Clean, Carpeted, grouped desks/ chairs and tables.

When I am inspired to learn, I am comfortable, not cramped in a tiny chair with a tiny desk. The space is bright.

Third floor of the library - it made me feel like I was at a more traditional school as looked out across the campus that prided itself in scholarship not selling out to to the de facto vocational school otherwise known as the engineering campus.

Open spacious and clean environments such as those in the chem building or the health and human services building (cafe area) are well lit and friendly environments to promote learning and relaxation between classes. They are also great places to meet with others to study or talk about classes.

The environment does feel like a learning environment and i really like that, i enjoy the people that gather to sell things in the hall ways which is always a plus!! Places that weren't distracting and were calm. I wasn't distracted by torn up tiles, water strained ceiling tiles, dated architecture, prehistoric equipment, uncomfortable desks... I am much more inspired to learn in places that help me concentrate on the class and not on the environment.

the new chemistry anex is nice. as well as brown hall. I like how brown hall has several windows to let in natural light and it is friendly. It is nice to have warm colors when i am in class it is relaxing and does not make me feel as stressed to be there. I also thing having plenty of outlets so students can plug in their laptops if needed.

I like organized, uncluttered classrooms.

I have spent the last several years teaching on campus as a graduate assistant, and have found two aspects to be very beneficial. The first is a flexible space. I appreciate tables and desks that can be easily moved so as to accomodate a range of daily activities-- from discussion to group work and even lecture. I also find a room with technology available to be enormously helpful. I believe easy to use technological assets can encourage students to engage in innovative mediums, but also push teachers to do so as well. When technology is available, I create lessons to use it... and my students benefit from this a great deal.

Hcob and Library, in these spaces I'm meeting with other students or doing homework or research. In these spaces I felt calm and relaxed and able to focus on my tasks.

the best places for me to learn are the libraries on campus, it really gets me focused because everyone else is doing the same. you feel in a mode to learn the information that you pull out of your bookbag, getting in the brain relocation zone to remember what you do

Places where you can be comfortable are very nice for working. The bottom floor of Brown has a very nice workspace for students. I also enjoy working in an environment that you can work either individually or be put in a whole group. It is very important to also be able to see the educator and the materials in the class.

Modern ones with good facilities and good chalkboards, etc:

The environments where I learn best are those that are comfortable, open and well lit. I love the outdoors and feel that they are the best inspiration to learn. At Kalamazoo Valley Community College there is a natural commons room that has skylights, plants and all the amenities that are necessary to a student while making it feel like you are outside, without all the bugs. Don't make it feel like work and the learning comes naturally.

Battle Creek Campus. Modern, clean

Bright, clean, comfortable environments

Environments that are modern, clean, bright, and comfortable are so much more conducive to learning. Even something as simple as not having floor tiles missing, mini blinds that are not broken, and marker boards as opposed to chalk boards create a more conducive learning environment.

Sometimes the lighting is a big for me. It helps change the feel in the room, especially the perception of size.

Spaces with windows, natural lighting, and bright colors in room.

Area's that are up to date and comfortable to be in. Both physically and visually.

I like to learn in spaces that are bright, comfortable, and open. This is where I feel that I can most easily focus and get down to work.
Open, outdoor spaces. This can be achieved within a building with muted lighting, foliage and seating that is strategically placed. Due to Michigan's unique weather patterns, inside study areas are a must, yet they can be airy, open and inviting and not stale, drab and cold ... equipment/lighting. I was learning and felt awake. Also, rooms should have grouped seating rather than stadium rows.

quite spaces

easier to study

comfortability, flosies for instance looks like a teacher's lounge, or a break room at work. for one it should be bigger, for two it should have some couches or benches maybe just needs to be more lively

I feel cramped and like the spot light is on you walking thru the hall bc you are usually pushing your way thru slow walkers.

I feel as though I am the most productive working on my homework in the lounge at the Lee Honors College on campus. There are big comfy couches and chairs available for all students and free hot chocolate is always available. I look forward to going there to do my work, especially in the cold months, because I feel more comfortable there than any other place on campus. When I am not comfortable in a space, I am less able to focus and learn.

bright outdoor areas, relaxing environment fit for anything

I have an easy time learning in the Chemistry building because it is very open. The lecture halls are located close to the professors offices, and it has large screens in the front to make it easy for every student to see what is going on during lectures. I also find it helpful when I study in the library because it is very open with many seats to accommodate everyone. In Brown Hall I like that when you first walk in the front there is a directory of the rooms and where to find them. I like that there are little study areas around Brown Hall to study in between classes or just socialize with other students.

The architecture at KVCC was very inspiring. I enjoyed learning just as much as looking at the windows.

At WMU: Wood Hall inspires me to learn. It's "new" enough, and is very student friendly. I feel comfortable asking questions in the lecture halls, and I'm not intimidated by the equipment during labs.

The Bernhard Center. It seems to be full of foot traffic from open until close, but I always get a lot of work done in that lobby seating area. I feel social, yet anti social all at once! I feel as though I'm social, because I chose a public place to read. At the same time I feel anti social because I am able to block out and ignore all of the traffic around me to study!

lighting, patterns and designs

Comfortable seating, lots of green (plants), quite

I think Sangren needs a better computer center to encourage all majors equal access to technology. We need to train our future teachers to be computer literate and innovated in the field of technology. Also, your audio/visual center in Sangren is way behind in current researched programs (especially in Literacy Development). We also need an area on the third floor to invite guest speakers, show important DVD's to a large group etc.. And most important ***We need a model classroom! A room where education majors know how to set a classroom environment with desk and chair, and how to use hands-on bulletin boards, etc.. A room that won't be used by any other, except for intended purposes.

I like an environment that is user friendly. I love the seating spaces that the College of H & H services offer. It is really modern looking and the technology is amazing in each room. The classrooms are designed to help students learn.

Its calm and very little but some noise. Students are able to interact and have fun but also able to concentrate.

Places with tables where it looks like I'm outside with all the surrounding windows but still able to do work comfortably. Nice, Quiet, Bright... Comfortable chairs are a plus.

Student lounges are nice. It's nice to sit in a chair rather than the floor if you need a space to study. I also appreciate areas that have greenery. There's something very calming about nature.

People more than places inspire me to learn, but a clean environment with adequate resources help.
The spaces are relaxing, quiet, somewhat private, supportive infrastructure (outlets to plug in chargers, computers, etc. since technology has become a huge part of education).

Space that don't feel closed in.
open and light, quiet space. peaceful and attentive

I learn best in spaces that are quiet and feel fresh; spaces that are in tune with nature by having large windows with views of trees, flowers, water, etc., with lots of natural light and openness.

Connected and engaged. In a classroom designed for 100-300 students this does not occur often. Making it feel like a separate environment that is not overly formal is important. Focusing on technology or making the building be super impressive doesn't always result in an area conducive to learning. It may look nice for the political & showpieces for those involved with opening it, but it doesn't make it a place where students feel a part of the space.

A relaxing, quiet, CLEAN atmosphere with access to snacks.

The renovation of Brown Hall is nice. I enjoyed the classroom versatility and technology upgrades for teachers.

Quiet areas to study and areas with the right lighting and clean areas

Clean and open space. A study lounge would be nice to offer...colors make a difference.

I love the Health and Human Services building. It is spacious, advanced, green feeling, bright, and gives a feeling of creativity and energy. I have taken classes there and gone to meetings there.

Quiet and beautiful.

Places with wide open space, atrium/mm with plants and water features.

I hate to have to use this as an example, but CMU's library on the 4th floor where it was quiet and had a wall of windows. I could sit at a spacious computer table next to the windows and look out over the students going to and from class. I could stay there as long as I wanted to, have snacks, use the computer provided by the University. It was the most relaxed environment I have ever had the privilege of studying in. I can only hope that the students at WMU can someday experience that peace and tranquility while studying.

Beautiful campuses - makes a campus feel erudite, academic

Open, spacious buildings with natural light - a pleasant environment to work, improves mood, makes you want to stay in the space

Modern technology, comfortable chairs/desks - makes it easier to do work

Clean, relaxing atmosphere - with the necessary equipment for studying. Whether computer, well placed desks or chairs for comfort. Water fountain nearby so you don't have to leave if you need a drink. Not quiet - but not echoing of noise.

open spaces, light, technologically friendly

comfortable and modern spaces inspire my learning.

I find spaces that have an open and friendly appearance to be more academically inviting. Areas where one can have the amenities of technology and comfortable surrounds. The space should be give off the feeling of modern (even if the architecture doesn't portray it), modern spaces allow for a student to believe that they are at the forefront and are capable of changing the path of the future.

carefully designed space that allows space for quiet as well as group work and classroom spaces that are flexible for different types of learning.

Quiet, friendly, calming areas. This area is a headache for me, I dread having to go into the building.

Kalamazoo Valley's Center for New Media is a wonderful example of community, technology, caring faculty and a wonderful learning environment. While it is not perfect, the facilities have done wonders for promoting learning in a very diverse student population.

The atrium at Kalamazoo Valley Community College is very inspiring. It is warm, bright, friendly, and welcoming. It allows students to study, meet, and relax in a soothing environment.

open, friendly, easy to get around.

Bright with lots of windows or outdoor space. It makes studying easier on both the eyes and the brain.

a space that is open and flexible and respects a variety of learning styles.

Spaces that provide the necessary resources - whether it be access to technology or quiet, open spaces - a learning environment should be flexible.
Places that have lots of natural light, comfortable chairs that can be used for hours at a time, open spaces and up-to-date technology are what come to mind when I think of inspirational learning environments. I remember studying in the Health and Human Services building. The chairs were comfortable, the tables had enough room for my laptop and notes, and I liked the plants, the natural light and the acoustics were not too loud. I was able to do what I needed to do and felt comfortable doing it. Open spaces, quietness, comfort and natural light make an environment very pleasing to me.

Educational laboratories. Spaces when I could learn hands-on with the tools of the field. In those spaces I felt like a student, I was learning as young students learn by trying, experimenting and trying again. I felt confident that what I was experiencing would apply to what I would be doing with my students in the classroom. Learning is more than time in a text book. We know that learning takes place in many different venues.

One of my most long lasting memories was an outdoor education course. We experienced the content of the class. We learned math, science, reading, history in cemeteries, nature preserves and in classrooms for all ages of children, preschool - middle school. Exciting!

Has the university considered returning to including a laboratory school for early childhood, elementary and special needs students and the university students who need those experiences?

LOVE HHS! It just has such a calming, warm feel about it.

The best place for learning would have a mix of open spaces, technology, reference books or other resources, and small private quiet spaces as well as rooms with doors for groups to use. There should be a place to get food and drinks and an outside courtyard with shade and nice landscaping.

The temperature would have to be comfortable not freezing or too warm. This is a common problem in Sangren. The rooms are always freezing or boiling. The lights should be calm not excessively bright or too dim. The chairs also should be comfortable.

I don't remember a single thing from any lecture hall. I remember small classrooms in Brown (pre-renovation) and Dunbar where there was a round table atmosphere. I learned the most in those settings.

Buildings must be either very cutting edge or very traditional. My brother attends The University of Michigan, and the old buildings are amazing. Obviously you can't build a 200 year old building, but it'd be nice to have a similar design. The Law Library at UoM is especially conducive to learning. Since a traditional building would not really fit in with all of the ugly red brick, I think it would be a good idea to have an innovative building such as the Chemistry Annex, Parkview, and the Health and Human Services Building. They are also very conducive to learning.

Bright open spaces. Open classrooms and labs. Comfortable seating. Modern technology. All makes it easy to learn.

Architecture such as the work of Frank Gehry, Mies Van Der Rohe, and Santiago Calatrava are some of the pioneers of of modern architecture. deriving from the Bauhaus was the school of thought to construct a building in which one could find his or her own Utopian surroundings to being a catalyst of productivity.

A busy, but quiet library with a close, intimate feel.

Mostly libraries—I appreciate the order and clear labeling and directions there along with quiet spaces for working and studying along with computer technology and the bonus of a staff to assist you when help is needed.

The new health and human services building is an excellent example of inspirational space. The environment is geared to the adult learner, and is spacious and inviting.

Environments that inspire - Colorful, flexible and interactive (media & personal)

What happened in this inspiring space - lecture with interactive and engaging components

How I felt in this space - invigorated and motivated to do more than what was asked

Spaces where its easy to interact with students. I work with graduate students and they always seem so disconnected. They need office space, even if shared. And they need to be able to interact more freely and collaborate with faculty.

Quiet, well lit environments like Waldo library made it easier to concentrate on studying. Any classroom where I didn't have to sit cheek to jowl with fellow students helped during class lecture.
| Atrium in the new HHS building. Atrium in college of ed building at my previous university. Very open spaces where you can see others across the way, stop and drink coffee or eat lunch. They create a sense the building houses a community rather than just offices and classrooms. I also liked that the ed library at my previous university had floor to ceiling glass walls so you could see into it from the rest of the building and it felt like it was incorporated, not separate from the rest of the building. Environments that make me feel comfortable and at ease inspire me to learn. Also environments that are visually stimulating. |
| Open common area |
| Studying, reading, talking |
| Something calming or relaxing. Most students want a little bit of open space, this helps us not feel claustrophobic. We're stuck in small classrooms or crowded lecture halls, we dont want to be reminded of that when we are trying to relax and study. The faculty and the classes are more important than the look of the building; as long as it is not deteriorating in decor and is clean. |
| The Gonda building at the Mayo clinic. I did a great deal of research there. The setting is open, a lot of natural light, can look below from upper levels to the large open area on the main level. Many pieces of art (various types) apread throughout the building. The facility was clean, crisp. People were friendly, welcoming and calm. |
| Quiet, comfortable chairs |
| Cubicles for students to study. |
| Classrooms with adequate space, desks or tables that were not crammed in, large enough desks, comfortable temperature (not too hot or cold), working technology (not necessarily the latest and greatest but easy for instructor to access), clean including clearly marked waste bins for trash and recycling. When these things were not an issue, I felt more open and inspired to learn. These are things that distract me from the instructor. I, personally, am not into closed in areas/spaces. I find more energy when I know I have access to people/instructors, but can also move to my &quot;personal&quot; space to contemplate and create. |
| An environment that inspires me to learn is one in which the environment allows me to easily interact with my peers and instructor. In the space I am not only receiving input from the instructor, but also interacting with others. |
| Open areas with lots of windows (like College of Health and Human Services.) |
| Space where heat/ac works regularly, so that rooms make you feel comfortable |
| A space that makes you feel that you are able to learn, but that you are also comfortable enough to make mistakes |
| I think if you have a modern sleek building it will create energy and kindle further desire for learning and goal achieving. |
| Again, traditional buildings make me think of the importance, timelessness of pursuing knowledge. They make me feel peaceful and smart. |
| Classrooms with tables and chairs. |
| Ability to reconfigure said tables and chairs for different activities. |
| Felt able to do more and interact more. |
| Comfortable, light, quieter areas with a minimum of distractions. These leave the learner to focus on the material--a book, laptop computer, or a small group of students to talk with. I feel secure and able to concentrate in such a space. It becomes my/our space for the time we are using it. |
| Changable desks and different atmospheres rather than the typical lecturm and desks in rows. |
| Dalton Center is a good example. The large glass facade of the foyer brightens the area where most visitors encounter the building. |
| The Health and Human Services building and Schneider hall. They are more fit for a new learning environment and I feel more comfortable |
| Environments that have a great push for learning are areas that are clean, more modern and technological friendly. |
| Beautiful parks inspire me. |
| Plenty of elbow room - space enough for my laptop and a textbook. I understand that tables do not allow as many in the room, but with the technological advances, students carry more than just their backpacks to class now. |
| East Campus, specifically the College of Health and Human Services. That building is modern, spacious, calming, quiet. |
Open, lack of interfering noise from other rooms and hallway, clean, comfortable, moveable seating

Mainly buildings that have that more rustic appeal. Many of these were when I spent time with friends at university of Michigan. I really like that old rustic appeal.

I prefer comfortable seating, moderate temperatures, and a space that encourages collaboration with other students. Schneider Hall's smaller lecture halls come to mind, except that I prefer windows.

I feel most comfortable in clean, healthy buildings with lots of natural lighting. I have been most inspired by natural spaces. I would love to see creative landscaping around Sangren Hall that utilizes native plantings, and perhaps even perennial vegetable gardens for display. I imagine the Kalamazoo Wild Ones chapter and the newly formed WMU Gardening student organization would love to help design this.

Bright, open places that allows a lot of natural sunlight to light the room instead of harsh ceiling lights. Places I learn best are in room in which students are able to hear and see all the professor is saying/showing. Calm colors (sage greens, tans) give a warm feeling. Just being comfortable where I am really helps in my learning process

The environment that has inspired me to learn most is the outdoors. Truthfully when the weather got nice durring the school year I would take my text books outside to read or when I needed to clear my head to get creative for a project the great outdoors would always deliver. When I am outside I can clear my head and subtract all distractions (minus the traffic noise) and really buckle down and get things done.

Colorful, bright, clean spaces. Spaces with moveable furniture and the ability to talk with other students/teachers. I felt comfortable and able to think about more than just the room I was sitting in.

Nature - open, fresh, quiet
Art galleries - color, clean, quiet
Grand Rapids WMU CCPS Clinic - use of more modern recording equipment, quiet, appealing furnishings
The new Chemistry building lecture hall has been amazing for giving cutting edge presentations, and the copious amounts of outlets at the tables is quite fantastic.
Parkview is also nice in this respect, however I like the ethernet jacks at parkview, as I have giga-bit Ethernet built-in to my laptop, and it is also nice as a back-up when the wireless internet is being saturated and nearly unusable to look-up references during class to catalog in my notes.

Nice, open spaces that are comfortable, bright, and a pleasant place to be in.

Sangren is where almost all Education majors spend the majority of their time on campus and it is outdated, drab, the building itself feels cold (but too hot in summer without any AC).

Quiet, surrounded by books, a couch to relax on.
Natural lighting, recess lighting, green space vs. blacktop platforms to look out. Studying in this space. I felt energized, peaceful, ready to learn.

I enjoy the study area in the Chem building. It's a convenient place to study in between classes and it's a comfortable space to be in and it's well lit.

Study lounges that have a natural feel...able to relax and be quiet

Interactive classrooms/building...where you want to stay and play/work on things

Used to work on upper floor. Other building that have been remodeled have used space much more efficiently. The student learning areas are terrible.
Clean, open, well-designed facilities that contain innovations in green energy.
open, spacious, progressive and able to see outside

I HATE the umbrella section in sangren parking lot... its HOT and very unnatural!!!
even it you put grass in there after the renovation...

you should allow local companies to have small cafe's outside of each building...
This would allow local companies to participate in WMU.

HAVE spring flower planting day on campus.... allow students to design each building!

offer STAFF the opportunity to come and plant flowers....
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spacious, comfortable, quiet, can hold a lot of people but still be spaced out. Make sure chairs are big enough for all body types... have noticed this while watching other people.

I really enjoy the chem building as well as wood hall. Very open space with lots of available seating and desks outside of the classroom. So if you choose to arrive early or stay late you have room to finish some tasks or you can just study.

I was talking class at sangren. i feel all the classrooms are really small. It felt like I was taking a class in a high school.

College of Human and Health Service Building. Very peaceful and relaxed.

present sangren makes me feel closed in.... its dirty and OLD!!

allow Students and Staff to help choose look of the building

I have taken grad classes at both the Kendal Center in Battle Creek, and Western's Beltline campus in Grand Rapids. Both classrooms were comfortable and flexible for adult learning.

I enjoy being in open clean spaces, with fresh air. I like to study doing hands one experiences, and having visual aids around me to help me stay focused on what i am learning.

In libraries I do well in relaxed, comfortable environments. Comfy chairs would be nice, with access to food and drink to help keep me energized. As for classrooms, I'd like an environment that made me excited about learning. Posters and group flyers on the walls, ways to help me get involved.

I have a very positive response to the Richmond Center and the Kohrman Hall renovated space for art.

The fountain area of the new HHS building. I have gone there to meet people and to work alone while I waited for a meeting. There is something uplifting and inspiring about the high space and the water as background music. The conference rooms and auditorium are also great spaces. There is something very positive about being able to look out over activity while meeting that inspires thinking. The flexibility of the furniture in the auditorium make it very helpful for meetings to use a variety of formats rather than strictly lecture. Given that Sangren houses education courses, supporting the flexibility of multiple pedagogical styles is critical.

During my undergrad days at MSU - way too many years ago to mention - I remember having upper level classes in more lounge like areas where speaking up was almost a natural part of the enviornment. The interaction with other students and faculty was more collaborative, and I felt an investment in my learning as well as an accountability to be prepared. In larger classes, I was better able to attend when chairs were comfortable and temperature was moderate - not freezing but no sweat pouring down my face. Too much plastic makes me feel like a "disposable" student that can be replaced by anyone else, so not very valued. Too many white walls and gray tile floors feel like an institution - and I don't mean an institution of higher learning, but one where I am an inmate or patient. Colors like yellow and soft orange help to keep one focused and alert - easier to learn new material. Bright greens also promote growth. For CECP the blues and mauves help sooth and promote healing.

Smaller rooms seem to inspire me to learn, but i think it is because of the reduced class size, not the room itself. I think the professors and material are more important than the environment as far as learning goes.

Again, I do enjoy being at the Battle Creek campus. The classrooms are spacious and clean, they don't appear cluttered. The seating can comfortably seat the typical sized adult body with no problems. The design and atmosphere of the Battle Creek campus is inviting as well.

As a graduate student at the University of Cincinnati, it was extremely helpful to have office space and a community meeting room (for students in my discipline). Joint space across disciplines does not work well--too many activities going on and noise and tuf battles become a problem.

I learn best in well-lit classrooms with comfortable seating. Rooms that allow the formation of different seating arrangements (discussion circles, configurations for both lecture and presentation) work best. I dislike fixed, auditorium seating, as is present in the HCOB.

Natural lighting from windows or skylights increases attention and alertness, while low ceilings, interior rooms with no windows, and / or entirely fluorescent lighting detract from a good learning environment.
The most inspirational environment that I have learned in was Cambridge University. Much of the allure was the historic nature of the university and the traditions associated with it. It was truly humbling to live and study where academic giants once did the same. WMU doesn't have 800 years of history, and shouldn't try to imitate Cambridge--although we should preserve East Campus. I think that WMU should lead the way in showcasing sustainable (re)development and technological innovation.

Waldo Library (research; progressively in touch with academia)

I am very impressed with the new WMU Health & Human Services building. I have heard only high praise from all staff, students and public who have had the opportunity to work in the building. The building has boosted everyone's morale there. It will be a major draw for students to come to WMU rather than another college. WMU's Education College is in serious competition with other Michigan education colleges (e.g., Grand Valley, CMU). We need to design a building that will attract new students over these other colleges.

Also, my daughter is enrolled in the new RCAH (Residential College for Arts & Humanities) at MSU. The RCAH is in a completely renovated pair of dorms, with classrooms and cafe, and theater and music practice rooms. The design of this new college (renovation plus new construction) creates an inspiring and collaborative atmosphere for students interested in arts and humanities. It is a major drawing card for new students.

I would hope that the new Education College building at WMU would similarly inspire all who work and study there as much as have the two buildings mentioned above.

Comfortable - temperature and seating. Professor visible and audible from every seat. This creates an environment that lets you concentrate on the class instead of possible distractions.

Areas that are well lit help me learn better.

Haworth College of Business.

Open, natural light, relaxing

The College of Health and Human Services building - the best building on campus.

Environments which are not too orderly, have some quirks, allow users to post interesting things on their walls and doors. If I feel free to explore and linger, I am more inspired. Not too structured.

Anything spacious and open

buildings with a quad in the middle, being able to see trees and nature put me at peace and made a positive learning environment.

Environments that have inspired me to learn are those that are well equip to provide a sufficient education, where I have felt safe, like I am valued as a learner, where there are enough desks in classrooms, lights are in working condition, etc.

Quiet and spacious.

I was there to present to a program- it felt old and dark. It was traditional in its setting, didn't allow for much interaction except asking of questions. Spaces couldn't be modified for a different style of teaching. It needs a large multipurpose space for movement.

The lectures halls in the chem building and the labs in wood hall are inspiring, the light and comfort of them makes focusing on class much easier.

The most attractive educational facility I have ever known is the Grand Rapids Center on the Beltline - people - faculty and students - like to go there.

Round tables with comfortable seating. Adjustable lighting. Ambiance which invited one to "sit-a-spell" and participate in the activity -- very conducive to probing discussion. Working HVAC with comfortable set-point. View of outdoors, which reminds of the world beyond, although included window coverings which also allowed for "cocooning" and shutting out the distractions of the world beyond. Engaging technology. Space to simultaneously reference reading materials or use writing materials (pen/paper or laptop) while listening to a speaker or others participating in the activity. Movies and televised programs which are easily viewed on a screen or monitor -- which are action-oriented, not text-oriented.

My activity in these surroundings has varied from formal classroom to workshops to conversation with classmates and others to reading or contemplating on my own.

I have felt enlightened, encouraged, engaged, and inspired to take action in these spaces.
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Colorful, inviting, comfortable.  
A good community approach has helped me. When it is easy to see the teacher and the other students there is more of a connection there. The rooms with more color I do better in, especially relaxing colors. 

The use of colors, technology, openness, and inviting spaces are the best for learning. 

A connection to the outdoors has always inspired me to learn. Access to daylight and fresh air creates a positive and calming effect on me while trying to learn. A building with open interiors, daylight rooms, and operable windows combines the need for a classroom with an atmosphere of learning and productivity. I learn a lot from nature so the closer students are to her the better they will be as people. 

I have found most daylight filled spaces with views to the outside to be conducive to learning. 

Open areas. Very comfortable and relaxing atmosphere 

I really enjoy studying in a lively environment. For example, spacious with an outdoor, relaxing, quiet atmosphere with vibrant colors. 

Just a relaxing place with informative people who are eager to learn. Not too hot, not too cold - just simple but state of the art with technology. 

Comfort. I find it hard to focus if I am uncomfortable. Clean. I have to feel like I’m in a clean space to be able to focus. 

Stuff on the walls. Something to inspire thoughts, ideas, topics. Something that stimulates my brain. White walls are uninspiring and take away from the comfort of a space. 

Some place that is not too loud, relaxed, pleasant, and informative. 

Brick; trees visible; spacious enough seats (adult sized) and leg room 

Having a productive work space while in class is one of the most important things that helps me to be a productive student. By productive I mean enough room to have all my work materials on my desk at one time, comfort plays a role as well, and a quiet area to dedicate my focus towards my work. 

I like to do work/study/learn in two different environments. One is at a coffee shop where the general atmosphere is relaxing and I am usually surrounded by other individuals doing individual work on laptops or reading books. The other space I like to learn in is in the comfort of my own home. The best way I tend to learn things is when I am in a comforting and relaxed environment so that my work does not seem like work but instead actually becomes apart of the relaxing environment and is somewhat leisurely. 

Ferris State Library and IRC Conection. Central Mi. Student Center. 

Environments where I can seclude myself to get my work done yet have the resources at a fingertips distance should I need them. 

Serene environments, with view of nature from a window. Or nature paintings. I like to feel safe, alert, and a place where noises don't echo. 

Comfortable places with readily accessible technology. 

The revised brown hall is a very nice hall that is conducive to learning. The new Sangren should be like brown. Brown is amazing. 

A very peaceful atmosphere. Aesthetics is very important. 

Classrooms conducive to both lecture AND group work seemed to be the most functional (I am a 3rd year grad student, and have had lots of experience in classrooms). 

I like classrooms with windows that provide a sense of freedom and peace. Rooms without windows make me feel unwelcome and uncomfortable. I learn best in classrooms like this. I did have another classroom where objects were hanging from the ceiling and that made me feel like I was in a dangerous area and made me want to be looking up for protection all the time. This environment was not so conducive to learning. 

There is little to no community space for the community of scholars...profs and students other than private offices. At my prior employment at Texas A &amp; M University-Commerce we had two or three places in our building for profs and students to visit and learn from one another outside the classroom. There is no real meeting place for profs currently in Sangren...other than meeting one on one in our offices...no community building. We all seem to declare that there is a problem with "silos" between our respective disciples and I believe some of this would be addressed if there was community space for profs from a variety of programs to meet. Alan Hovestadt 

KVCC’s atrium... it’s alive with plants and sunshine; also had an area off to the side for quiet and studying; TV monitors had CNN or a new channel with closed captioning; chairs were comfortable and yet provided a swing-up writing surface. 

Learning requires relaxation, the root of the word learn is leisure. Nature, calmness, clean, neat, private and public spaces depending on the task at hand.
The overall environment needs to be clean, friendly, supportive, and inviting for a good learning environment as well as encouragement for learning to be present.

In Nature - going to the park or river to do homework, it is a relaxing place and there is animal sounds (birds, dogs, etc...) and river sounds that are soft and smooth, it is also bright and open.

Art Museum - a quiet, relaxing place where you are surrounded in thoughts.

Airport (observation rooms) - doing homework/learning about airplanes. The quite humms of engines going and coming, people faintly in the background going by, the sun coming in the windows brings warmth and sites to look at.

Someplace with comfortable chairs, well lit, and safe feeling.

Sitting in the library by the windows with the ability to see around and across the campus.

Environments which are open and have a lot of light and comfortable places to read and study.

A small office (away from my own) with good lighting and a good view.

Environments that bring the "outside-in" to view (e.g. CHHS building.)

Other libraries and classrooms that have helped me learn have had a quiet, relaxing, and welcoming atmosphere. The CMU library (yes, that's a swear word around here, I know that!) was a great place to go study after it was remodeled. Lots of quiet places to sit and do homework or papers, a relaxing atmosphere (colors, interior design), and good lighting (not too bright, but not too dim).

I love the study room at HCoB. There are wide spaces and lots of different kinds of tables to work at, including soft furniture. It also overlooks a beautiful area. I like the library too because there are individual places to work and not to be distracted. Bernhard Center as well be because they have comfy couches.

A clean, organized space that is comfortable and not overcrowded.

The spacious environment.

Bright interior, including natural lighting and view of the surrounding environment.

Updated technology with available staffing/help area.

Comfortable, versatile and mobile classroom furniture.

Central gathering area, such as a common entrance vestibule.

Areas for refreshment, relaxation, and quiet study.

York University in Toronto, where I had a visiting appointment last year, had great lounges and conversation areas; multiple places to eat; and an open yet cozy feel in several buildings.

The environments that have inspired me to learn are the spaces that are energetic, technology driven (meaning able to plug my laptop in and take notes without having to sit on stairs to plug my computer in), natural light penetrating into the space, and seating that allows you be comfortable with interfering with students next to you. I was in a large lecture with fixed seating and plugs in the tables (i.e. Chemistry Building). The natural light penetrates nicely into that space.

Waldo Library

New classrooms in the human services building, the new Otsego Public Library.

Areas that inspire learning are ones that are:

-Easy to get to (if I live in the valleys, I do most of my studying in the valley cafe...I'm there anyway)

-Immediate availability of workspace (If I can't find a table or desk upon entering the area, I'll go someplace else rather than wait for one to open up)

-Medium noise level (for reference, most dining areas during peak hours are too noisy, but during off-peak hours the noise level is perfectly acceptable)

-As before, natural light is critical.

-Easy access to bathrooms, snacks, etc allows longer / more comfortable sessions in study area, making these spaces more attractive.

-Comfortable chairs &amp; enough desk space (essentially zero learning gets done on a bench - no available work space)

-Special case: availability of large-scale sketching / drawing tools (see Parkview's hallway study areas for an excellent example of this working correctly...see Parkview's never-used "outside-in" breakout rooms; for an excellent example of this failing spectacularly - students must request access to the breakout room, completely defeating...
I think the best environments are those that mimic the actual environment you will be in. I like how Haworth was designed like a fortune 500 company. Maybe Sangren could look a bit like an elementary/high school. I think that this goes much further than the actual physical space you are in though, it also needs to be adopted by the faculty and teaching styles.

Open, well lit, cozy, reasonable temperature, natural light, comfortable chairs bring contentment. Sometimes, though, it depends on the people present. Even the most wonderful physical environments cannot be conducive to good learning if the instructor is inadequate or participants are uninterested.

I enjoy being in a classroom with lots of natural light, when you're stuck in a concrete room it does nothing to stimulate your mind. I also like bright environments, it really helps when you are feeling less than energetic to keep you focused and learning. Comfortable seating is always a must, lot's a desk space is also a great thing to have.

My most productive spaces have been areas that are relaxed and support an air of community among the students, faculty, and public.

A place with good lighting and "warm colored" environment and it helps me concentrate. I think a place with more color would stimulate students, esp in an Education Building, this type of environment might help inspire.

Clean, comfortable, well-lighted, quiet.

Clean, quiet (if necessary), RELAXING

I love the feel of the entrance of the Honors College! Green space surrounding and then a connection to that through natural light and windows to the greenery make the environment peaceful.

I like areas with big windows that allow for brightness in the building. Also, comfortable furniture provides some form of relaxation while studying. Sangren currently is not the building I would choose to do any significant studying in.

I took a grad class at Yale University in New Haven, CT. I really enjoyed being around a traditional setting with historic buildings. Also, the landscape surrounding the buildings were extremely important. I really enjoy being in an area that is full of green. The inside of the building also needs to be well lit, with a lot of natural light as the main source.

I really enjoy the Health and Human Services building. It's bright, lots of windows and natural light, study area, food, clean, simple, up-to-date, and best of all...the water ponds.

Quiet, closed quarters

I absolutely love the waldo library. I go and study for hours there. Also the majority of my classes are in wood and the smaller lecture rooms have a lot of space and are very clean and presentable.

Actually Brown hall is inspiring and very into technology. I love the way that building is inside and out. It has nice spacious rooms with comfortable furniture. It inspires learning and the feeling that you can be and do anything.

Instructors inspire, other students inspire, books inspire. Buildings not so much.

The outdoors, or places that have nice views to the outdoors.

Functional, welcoming, not excess money expended,

-I love dark, close libraries for reflection

-bright, open areas are best for discussions--I say "open"; but do not necessarily mean big; high ceilings

The chemistry building because it's innovative and intelligent looking. Also, the Miller plaza in general. It's nice to see students studying and hanging out by the fountain and inside the Richmond Center. It inspires me to stay in this environment because it reminds me of how much I enjoy WMU.

The mode of learning is often dictated by the space. The space itself and the options of comfort and technology within the space need to be adaptable for various kinds and modes of learning.

I work really well in coffee shops especially when there's a good movie playing. It's nice to have food available (Flossie's already has that covered), and a cheerful comfortable atmosphere makes it easier. When a place is almost silent, then it gets a little creepy. There has to be some noise or else you feel bad for making any noise at all.

The more modern the building the better. New or renovated buildings like Brown hall encourage better study habits.

Bright, open and comfortable environments. Being able to see outside usually helps. Together, spaces like this make me feel relaxed and open-minded.
The new health and services building located on the other side of Stadium street, is a good example of how Sagren Hall could be designed. It is modern, sophisticated, and has technology written all over it. Flat screen tv's are located on the walls, the most comfortable seats are placed evenly across ever floor. I was taking a Drug course for my minor and the classroom was so modern that I enjoyed going to class and listening. The seats were very comfortable, sort of like recliners on wheels, and there were no individual desks only tables for two. Which is better because there is more room to place our notebooks and textbooks.

In my room because it is quiet. I feel relaxed and am able to concentrate

Open, airy spaces with personal space. Rooms that you were able to configure to what you were studying instead of being piled on top of each other.

I loved the old wire study carrels in Waldo Library next to the large windows on the north side of the building. I still love to read there and look at and through the trees. It is peaceful, quiet and allows me to think.

Perhaps moving the ERC down to the ground floor with some good views into the courtyard with lots of vegetation would make a nice environment.

Colorful, bright spaces, with comfortable furniture. Lounge looking areas that can but used for multiple purposes.

A positive environment and somewhere where it is more open and spacious.

Clean, bright, and a space that allows for interactive learning

Brightness.

Space.

Technological ease.

Working on either research (library, office, computer lab) or teaching preps.

College of Health and Human Services is the most beautiful building WMU I've been in. The only building that I have not been inside is the Engineering Campus.

i appreciate a very open layout that allows me to spread out and prepare all my materials. I also do very well in quite atmospheres.

The small rooms where you can overlook the valleys... they are just too small though and you get a lot of noise from the stairs when people are walking through... when nobody is around, they are nice areas to hang out or work on homework. the chairs can be very comfortable, HOWEVER, they can like break, the desk top part of the desks can get stuck or break sometimes and its a problem.

there is not really much space at all though to like hang out and do work, it's really one of the only buildings on campus without space for this and it's a problem with the building.

The new Sangren needs to be open and inviting. I like the College of Engineering building's open spaces and seating areas. The open area at the main entrance is nice too. When I went to WMU in the early 1990's, the campus landscape was really important too.

*Spaces that can be moved - tables, chairs, electronics - that allow people to set up the room as they need. They also have natural lighting.

I  like a space with a view of nature or a skyline. My favorite space to study was in the library near a window where I could see the campus and the seasons changing.

Calm, comfortable, clean spaces with comfortable tables and chairs, good technology and nice art.

The Chem building, the library, all the new buildings

The Frostic art building is a wonderful, creative, inspirational building. The building is new and up-to-date with the latest technologies. And also fun.

big rooms, like lecture halls, with the latest technology

Quite areas to study such as a library. Comfortable seating, with a wired classroom. Well lit hallways and classrooms.

Access to snacks and good coffee.

A library with study rooms is great.

Where I can relax and easily focus.
The CHHS building is fantastic. It is open, has lots of windows, has an atrium filled with plants and water fountains. Any space with lots of greenery, natural light, and comfortable/spacious seating has allowed my mind to settle and attend to learning tasks more effectively. It makes me want to be there, thus increasing how often I attend class.

As alumni with a bachelors degree from WMU I have taken classes in most buildings including Sangren. I have loved places like Dalton, Haenicke, Waldo, UCC etc. Hope the new look of Sangren will be on those lines instead of turning up like the new building next to UCC.

I had a few classes on the old east campus and loved the architecture. Very inspirational for a college campus. Sangren was/is dismal. Please renovate East Hall first!!!!

open space, flexible seating options in classroom, technology that worked, facilities that we well maintained, spaces for small groups to easily work together, places to plug in laptop in classrooms, beautiful space that people took pride in.

quite areas that groups came use to talk and to group work in.

A peaceful, quiet, modern environment with muted colors, or western colors decorating the walls and accenting the decoration. A modern feel helps because of the more technological and faster-paced generation of students who will primarily be utilizing the newly renovated institute.

I find I learn best in spaces that are clean and well kept, but also not too severe.

The Chem building is awesome, along with CHHS

Comfortable places to sit, not a very small &quot;commons&quot; with a few small marble benches.

Hands on space, working with what I will be doing in my career field.

I always feel most inspired to learn and achieve in places that are comfortable and aesthetically pleasing. I like being able to have my own personal space and the ability to spread out if needed so I can keep all of my belongings organized, visible, and easily accessible. I like brighter, cheery colors, as opposed to dull, muted, or faded colors. If the space is not well-maintained or is dirty, that likely will cause a distraction and will deter me from the space.

Brown Hall, the recreation center are both different, but suitable for a learning environment.

A more relaxed environment. something to the effect of the new Brown hall. anything where you can feel comfortable and not like your in an institution. Granted you are when at WMU, and one of the best higher level institutions in the state/country. but i think that an emphasis on relaxing and creating a stress free environment will allow a student a better place to focus.

To name a few: Sangren Hall education library, College of health and human services lobby area, Rood Hall's 3rd floor student lounge, &amp; the library.

Technology that was accessible and easy to use. Comfortable seating. Welcoming common areas with a variety of seating and locations.

High-tech, futuristic-looking buildings.

Bright, open, being able to see outside.
Comfortable seating and enough personal space in the classroom. Today many people utilize laptops as well as traditional paper notes, and need more space to function successfully. Good lighting that allows you to see the projection screen clearly, but also be able to read your notes.

Quiet, safe, comfortable

I like to learn in a space that is comfortable and cozy. If I am uncomfortable (hard plastic and metal chairs are the worst offenders), I will focus on that and not what I’m there to learn about. A few of Sangren’s lecture halls have fold-down, theater-style seating and, in my experience, I’ve been able to pay more attention when in one of these classrooms than in others in the building.

Environments that inspire me are those that have the sun shining from the outside, plants in the area, and quiet places to study with the use of technology being very handy.

Any that are clean, not cluttered, quiet. Classroom's that don't feel like the walls are coming in on you.

Study areas that are divided - - - so I don't watch everyone. Example, in the '60s The main library had 3 quiet rooms with just a table for studying. Those were great.

Good classroom design and appropriate planned access to technology function to inspire learning. In old Sangren Hall, classrooms are not adequately equipped with instructional technology ... or even with proper room lighting. Computer lab facilities consist of regular rooms with a bunch of desks and computers jammed inside.

Projection screens and facilities are rudimentary.

Spaces that are not dark and gloomy for one; I appreciate buildings with clocks. Spacious, open places, which incorporate beautiful views of the outside (when pertaining to study halls or hallways). A diversity of spaces that allow for loud areas, areas for eating, quiet spaces, a building that you could live in and be your everything building. The floor and ceiling tiles of Sangren are not very inspirational. Also, a building that encourages the work it is to produce; for example, I feel that the new art building encourages art students to be the best they can be, because of the galleries it showcases, work spaces, easy-clean-floors, you just feel like an artist when you're there. I am not sure the purpose or intended major of Sangren, but I think it should encourage learning and output whose audience it is intended for.

I love the lecture hall in the main level of the Chemistry Building. Everything is so new, the chairs are comfortable, and the room is bright even if the lights are off. I had a morning lecture there, and I felt awake and able to pay attention in that hall. It felt like the perfect learning environment.

A large open library with floor to ceiling windows that allowed natural light.

The lounge in Brown, it’s comfortable but still invites you to work hard.

Lots of windows and natural light and open places. I was doing my studying, easy to concentrate. I was relaxed and didn't seem rushed by the closed places.

I am inspired to learn in either well appointed modern spaces or very traditional "IY league" type spaces. Comfort is also key

A calm area has inspired me to learn and honestly a comfortable area. If the seats are rock bottom hard and you can't get comfortable for the life of me why would I pay attention. Also have a nice open area to do my work and study is more conducive to my learning than a small half desk.

CHHS is very nice. I'm not a student, but an open space that encourages folks to gather or to stay and study is always more motivating. I think seeing spaces where others are studying and learning and I know I can be productive there is much more enticing.

plants

Dalton Center lounge. With my peers, I felt safe, connected, and passionate about the same thing. I hope to enjoy this with other education majors soon.

I personally like the large meeting room in Trimpe. This space has many possibilities for learning.
The Strutt Coffee shop. I do all of my studying here for classes. It is a great atmosphere that is inviting, full of students, and is very relaxing. It is close to my apartment and to campus. I have stayed here several times all day, or late into the night writing papers and studying.

I think that Brown Hall was very well structured for learning. I just had a class in there this past semester and I loved everything about the whole building. I learned a lot from the class; for one it was one of the most important classes in my program, but the classroom atmosphere was so great and clean, and full of energy it made learning not a task but something that I wanted to do.

Artwork is very inspiring and colors. I cannot stress that enough. Also being comfortable too is important because as students are always sitting down reading, studying, or on the computer; and over time that can take a big toll on the human body. I can say a lot of the desks I have sat in are not comfortable and out of discomfort I have not been able to learn as much because my back is always bothering me.

Spacy areas with natural beauty (plant life or outdoor spaces) and clean study areas.

Lee Honors College: the big comfy leather couches and quite areas for studying. Felt relaxing

I was in the computer lab. I was a nice area with lots of computers and work space available

I learn best in relaxed, comfortable and open spaces where technology is easily accessible. I also find that comfortable seating arrangements also make it easier to pay attention in class.

Places that are cozy, light in feel and adaptable to needs.

I think that the extremely small desks make it harder to learn, both in the lecture halls and classrooms. A single piece of paper is larger than the writing surface.

Community based and discussion based classes I have taken in the honors college inspire me to learn the most because it is not an individual effort, my work is reflected upon my peers.

Rooms that take advantage of the space by situating seating in a way that encourages discussion. Openness in the space as well as natural light. Comfortable seating with a workspace designed to accommodate an adult. Also cleanliness, Sangren is currently quite dirty.

The library. Certain classes that I have taken.

I think that the space in the Waldo library would be best. It would be nice for groups to spread out and have room to work.

At southwestern Michigan College in Niles, MI we had 4-6 small conference rooms for studying that were sound proof. One table and just big enough for 4-5 people. It was so nice and quiet when you really needed to study without interruption.

Bright, energetic places inspire learning, but there also needs to be places that are quite for studying.

I like peaceful environments, I like calming colors, I also like older brick buildings.

Environments which have been most conducive to learning for me have been those in which I quickly and easily became unaware of the environment; that is, the environment was comfortable, friendly, useful, and provided any instructional/learning needs that arose, allowing me to be focused on the material or task at hand. The environments did not arouse my attention by being cold, uninviting, noisy, unclean, unprepared or unequipped, or by evoking the sense that one should not be there.

A place that makes good use of natural light, feels open and spacious, and actually *has* enough space for people to gather and work together effectively. I have found spaces like this to be conducive to learning in various situations -- classroom instruction, and group and individual studying. I felt alive, awake, invigorated, and inspired when in this sort of space.

In contrast, spaces that did *not* inspire me to learn usually had no natural lighting, awful flickering florescent lighting, bland coloring (plain white or &quot;institutional pastel&quot; colored walls), were crowded and noisy, had uncomfortable or crowded seating, and outdated technology. I felt tired, undervalued, and harried when in spaces like this.

Relaxed, comfortable spaces

I enjoyed Waldo library for its furniture, and many places to sit without distraction. The same applies to the small study rooms inside Sangren library.
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Spaces that are DESIGNED and MAINTAINED so that the environment can be a positive BACKGROUND to support the activities within - not creating distractions. Places with color that aren't stark and sterile. Interactive environments, where ideas and participation are welcome.

I find that space that is functional and bright is all I need to learn. It is good to have classrooms with comfortable seating that can be moved to allow for group work. It is important that you can easily see what teachers want to show, and its important to be able to write comfortably.

It is also important to have places where you can sit and talk with teachers and fellow students. An enclosed room that is not hidden has often been helpful.

Clean, well illuminated, ample spaces.
I've felt motivated and focused. Dirt and noise are distracting.

Waldo Library is a good example of a well-designed learning environment. Beautiful entryway area, great use of windows and lighted areas, excellent technology and classroom spaces.

Brown Hall is a pleasant place to be and the renovation there turned out nice. It's clean and not outdated.

Quiet but clean environments. I really liked the renovations done with Brown Hall and that building was very nice when it was done - something like that would be awesome.

None

When I feel like I am in an important institution that seems stately, old, wise, full of knowledge that I need to be learning. Then I feel like I am here, with a purpose and I need to focus.

Very open with lots of windows and natural light. Comfortable chairs and easy access to a computer lab.

Community space in the health and human services building is very inviting with the water and large windows and high ceilings.

My favorite memories are from my studio in east hall. I loved the combination of original architecture and wide open spaces. the ceilings were high and the halls wide, the whole building felt light.

I really enjoyed the new student section at KVCC it has a lot of plantlife and a water feature. When you study you feel like you are outdoors but still secluded enough to study.

The library at KVCC is a wonderful example of a good learning environment - it has large open spaces and windows overlooking a beautiful setting. Natural lighting, and open areas.

The Chemistry Building and the College of Health and Human Services I think would be good paradigms for a new Sangren Hall reflecting modern technology, environmental insight, and user friendly access to the buildings.

Spaces that are wireless and enhanced with technology.

The College of Health and Human Services promotes a conducive, therapeutic and stress-free atmosphere making the learning process more meaningful. The classroom setting, the lighting and environment is mostly positive and cutting edge.

That would be the College of Health and Human Services. That building is so great because it provides a quiet and serene atmosphere, perfect for studying. I love the waterfall in there and the big open space and all the windows.

A place that's warm and inviting, soft chairs by a fireplace, wood floors... not a modern monstrosity full of plastic and a lot of empty cold space.

Nature, seeing the elements while in class... a classroom with desks/chairs that match and have enough space for all the students enrolled in a class.

Safe, inspired.

Big windows with a view of nature - as much natural light as possible. Clean, bright, well put together color scheme.

Open and friendly spaces inspire learning for me. I need to feel safe. Also, cleanliness is important.

Environments that have inspired me to learn are spacious, and technologically friendly. In Sangren Hall, a lot of the classrooms that I have been in are crowded and not really set up for students to have their computers during class.

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Clean and simple. I would be disappointed if the new Sangren were over-thought, with too much trendy, modern, over-the-top designs; i.e. crazy track-lighting, incorporating weird curvy or otherwise non-functional elements. Just keep it simple, scalable, and high-quality!

I love coffee shops, lounges, places to relax other than the dorm or the same old library desk or computer lab.

good lighting..... WINDOWS!!!!!!

The library and the engineering building's study zone.

Something that is open and quiet. It can have work stations which could be just a table that has electrical to it to plug in a computer. The space was calming.

I did my undergrad work at Kalamazoo College. I feel the entire campus—with its unified aesthetic and emphasis on common green space—invites community, connection, collaboration and imagination.

Quiet, calm areas inspire me and allow me to concentrate and learn... love the Bright lights. As you walk the campus, the trees and flowers in blossom are almost breathtaking. They're wonderful! I appreciate "no clutter" in this space. Causes more serenity.

I feel comfortable learning in a space that is quiet, but has interesting features to let my mind wander. I like places that have comfortable temperatures, not too hot and not too cold. I like when the seats are comfortable and the professor is in a space that is still front and center and able to be heard.

Erasmus University in Rotterdam is the most learning-encouraging place I have been to. The campus and students are strikingly similar to Midwest university environments, but there are definite technological improvements in their buildings versus ours. I was visiting students there and was struck at how versatile the space in the buildings were; students could chat in a group of chairs, study for a class, eat a snack, with only things like pillars, tables, or half-walls between the space, rather than walls to form different rooms.

I love new, modern age spaces. I love the feelings these spaces emit with their clean lines and open spaces. The college of Health and Human services is a great example.

The college of health and human services! Sitting in the atrium before class helps me to prepare academically for class. It has calming water noises in the background while allowing for sunlight in so even if you are stuck inside studying you can still observe the outdoors. It has comfortable seating and plenty of resources available to students: more than one computer lab that is clearly labeled, study rooms available per request, etc.

WMU Aviation campus in Battle Creek. Seeing the actual equipment you’re striving to work on right outside the window was a big motivator.

CHHS

Clean

OPEN

Technology

I love how at KVCC they built their building in a square and that they have a court yard in the center that highly resembles a small Japanese garden. I think the university would benefit by implementing buildings that are more earth friendly and blend the buildings in with nature as much as possible. I felt very relaxed after a stressful class going into the garden as well as looking at the garden. A way this can be done at the New Sangren is to replace the small windows with giant long windows to bring in natural light as well as weather the windows to save on energy costs and keep the students warm in the winter.

Comfortable temperatures, up to date technology. I was learning in these spaces. I felt like I was at a school.

Open, Airy classrooms where I feel like I have a lot of personal space. Big windows and lots of natural light help me learn. Also, lots of public study area. I like being able to sit in a chair before class near other students looking at my notes or book rather than sitting on a dirty floor (especially during winter) hunched over and hearing loud obnoxious people talking.

I love the CHHS atmosphere. It’s open and relaxing, yet has a learning energy to it. Also, it’s very natural which still allows you to focus rather than be distracted by the building. It’s the perfect learning building.

I love all of the quiet spaces at Waldo Library. It is both functional and relaxing. And (most often) productive!

areas that are well lit, comfortable seating, neutral room colors

Beautiful libraries. I especially like the Helen Warner branch of the Battle Creek Willard Public Library.

I like Wood Hall, and I LOVE LOVE LOVE the new College of Health and Human Services building. The new Brown Hall is decent, but a bit too modern and boring. I like buildings that are warm, and friendly. The CHHS building is perfect. The colors, the lighting, the huge atrium at the center. It’s all very nice.

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<p>| windows that face shaded areas with trees (I like spaces like this to read, study or concentrate in) |
| clean bathrooms |
| Good lighting, calm colors, sense of safety. |
| the beautiful views in brown hall facing the city of kalamazoo is very inspiring. so keeping window panels high and vast, would inspire me to learn |
| Clean, artwork, vibrant classrooms |
| The space is clean and user friendly. Lots of plants, light, comfortable seating. A place where you want to hang out. |
| I like clean areas that are kept up well. |
| I really like meeting with people on the third floor of the chemistry building to work on labs and homework. Another place, I like to study is at home because then i don't have to drag all my stuff to the library. |
| calming |
| colloborative |
| leading edge technology |
| I need a space that is both calming but still organized. It needs to be efficient and well lit. |
| The room in Brown Hall, the big Auditorium place...comfortable chairs and good size pull-up desk slate |
| There is no better learning environment than the HHS building! It always seems so clean, so open and light and airy. All of the windows let in sunshine, and this is very conducive to wanting to be there! |
| I loved the new lecture halls in the CHHS building. The seats are amazing to relax in and still be able to take notes/tests. |
| The Health &amp; Human Services Building is excellent for a learning environment. The Arcus Foundation has an atrium that allows for beautiful lighting (I believe the building name is Arcus Depot; it's downtown across from Food Dance Cafe). |
| Greenery in buildings has really helped me to relax and feel comfortable. Plants I think can not only liven up a room, but keep it fresh and healthy. |
| spacious environments with enough table space have encouraged me to learn. |
| Environments that were clean, full of friendly people, and very welcoming. I felt happy in these places and it made me more eager to learn. |
| I enjoy the study area in HCob. I do my homework there and often study for test there. I feel productive when I'm in the area and I also feel encouraged because I'm surrounded by other students diligently working. I also feel inspired to learn when im sitting in the cafeteria area in the bernhard center by the bronco express. It gets little traffic, at least when im there, and its quite. I like to study there before tests because i feel that i can concentrate more there. |
| libraries-very welcoming, quiet |
| outside grassy areas-studying, relaxing, meeting with friend between classes |
| mainly lee honors college because of the sitting area because it makes you feel at home when you have somewhere to sit down. Bernhard also is good with having chairs only problem is the furniture needs to be replace it looks old. |
| The College of health and human services and the design of wood hall |
| Brightly lit spaces, especially those with natural lighting; Clean, open spaces with amenities like wireless internet and comfortable seating. Newly remodeled or built spaces- these especially have a fresh feeling that makes me feel fresh, focused and enthusiastic to learn and get what I need to get done. This includes Brown and Schneider halls. |
| Friendly open areas. Areas with windows and open spaces to think and study. It allows me to feel comfortable and at easy and not cramped and nervous. |
| Calvin College always had good CLEAN buildings and rooms. Last summer I brought my own cleaning supplies to clean my classroom in Sangren before each class. It was pathetic that there was trash in the room and WMU could not even pay staff to clean the rooms. |
| The computer labs in particularly the Bernhard Center and the College of Health and Human Services provide a calming and productive atmosphere for studying either independently or with a group. I also enjoy large tables to spread work out on. |
| I love the library and the different levels of &quot;quiet&quot;. I can find places where I am not distracted by watching people or preppy girls texting nonstop. |
| I enjoy having classes in Brown Hall since it was completed. |
| Quiet environments are have helped me to learn. Also an environment that provides many resources for students is very helpful for a good study environment. Also a space that is clean, warm, welcoming and nice to study in is also helpful for a good study environment. |</p>
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<td>The renovated south end of Khorman hall which is now the new art department is incredibly helpful to my learning process. State of the art equipment and facilities allow me to discover my full potential.</td>
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<td>Coffee shops or cozy settings with an educational (books, academic material) atmosphere typically inspire me to learn. I can typically read or study while feeling relaxed, comfortable, and in sync with learning.</td>
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<td>I have to say that I did most of my studying at my own house (even though I am unmotivated while at home). Simply because there was not really anywhere that an off campus student can go that is comfortable and quiet that we can get into.</td>
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<td>My high school was a great place to learn. It was spacious and clean, it also had a lot of &quot;common areas&quot; built with the students in mind. This always made it feel like a student-oriented building. I also loved taking classes at the Health and Human Services building at Western for many of the same reasons.</td>
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| Comparing to Brown Hall, Sangren Hall’s furniture is old, information board is in a mess, not as comfortable for studies. |
| I like to be in an open area, like Brown hall or the library. They both have awesome views outside and are very peaceful to focus. |
| The study lounge in the business college. Studying. |

| Two types of environments are, for me, most conducive to learning. First is a quiet, clean space where I can concentrate without distractions. An example of this is my kitchen table, last semester. Instead of using it for eating, I set up my laptop and printer, had a bookshelf and supplies nearby, and was able to spread out my work. The table is in a large, wide-open room with plenty of natural light, and usually quiet. The second type of learning environment is one where I can meet with others for group projects or review. The study rooms at CHHS have been great for this. The best study room is large enough for everyone to work comfortably. It has no interior windows for encouraging distracting visitors, but its exterior ones let in light, which helps motivate me to stay busy. Since there is an excellent cafe and computer lab in the building, there is less need to leave the building. |
| Relaxed and comfortable environments where I could meet with friends and study groups helped me to learn. |

| The Chem building |

| KVCC environment is very calm and relaxing, especially at the student commons that was completed several years back. There is an energy of learning and the feeling of wanting to succeed in education and to move up professionally with the right amount of learning and training. Typically I go grab some hot coffee from the nearby cafeteria, find an available computer with internet access and sit for over an hour checking out the news, jobs, weather, and other interest. |
| Brown hall--Looks very clean, easy to use technology that let students and teachers alike present work. Even when waiting for a class sitting in the hallway did not affect traffic flow. |

| The health and human services building is very nice with the pools and fountains very relaxing. With the student center area you can get together and feel relaxed and ready to work. |
| I learned best in chair couches like the ones in the Human Health building on East campus. I really like how brown hall was done. |
Nice, quiet, spaces to work and not be disturbed. I was studying and doing homework in this space. It was very relaxing and I did not feel stressed, I felt as if I could do my work without getting interrupted. It was very nice and comfortable.

Open area with big windows that offered lots of light make me want to sit there and read rather than in a dark office. Area should also have tables so work or papers could be spread out and people could be productive in a pleasant place.

I like bright, open, airy rooms that are conducive to learning.

Um... normally has to be in a quiet atmosphere, but the technology has to be there.

A place that is quiet and open. Also, having windows that lets in the sunshine is nice.

3am on a Sunday night my Junior fall semester I found myself walking across campus to my Res-hall. I looked up at the library and saw the glow of WMU being shown upon by the clock. It reaffirmed my faith in my choice to be at Western Michigan. Being here I felt inspired and I feel that WMU needs to carry this out in every building on campus. I want to feel, and think, &quot;Damn straight I'm a Bronco.&quot;

It's not so much one environment at Western that has inspired me to learn. Its the entire campus, of being part of the student body. Most of all its the high quality of the professors who teach at Western.

plenty of space to spread my stuff out. Bright and comfortable in temperature. Some noise. Plants and nature.

I really like the Health and Human Services Building. That is the perfect marriage of innovative yet charming.

I enjoy spaces that offer an area where you can spread out and not have to worry about being bothered by noises or people close to you. I enjoy studying in places such as coffee houses because they are quiet but not an uncomfortable silents. Also It is nice to have some natural life so I don't feel too detached from the world.

Where success is expected, though it is never given but earned by those who work for it.

Parkview Campus. It has a cafe and modernized furniture, making it a comfortable place to be. They have 2 computer labs and is a visually appealing place.

Bright, calm, sunny places close to nature inspire me to study and reflect. They make me feel my world is full of possibilities and I have a contribution to make.

Health and Human services building many tables to work at

quiet, peaceful and relaxing environments

Honesty, the HHS building is amazing. I've never personally had a class there, but it seemed to make me motivated to do my work. I like how you can see into the 'shop' classrooms at the engineering campus.

Kalamazoo Community College New Media Center, Art classes, inspired

good scenery

I am an aviation student and I love my classes at the Battle Creek airport. Even with the noise. It's the view I enjoy.

Up to date environments have inspired me to learn. An up to date lab is often more important than an up to date classroom. Lab equipment that is less than 10 years old gives me a more positive outlook than equipment that's older than most students. Newer equipment made me more trustworthy of the equipment, especially when it isn't hand-me-downs from other universities or industry.

Natural light as the main light source vs. artificial light is easier on the eyes and makes the classroom feel more relaxing and easier to concentrate. Artificial light is a nuisance and is to bright to work, causes head aches. Great outdoor spaces that incorporate nature (trees, flowers, grass) inspire me to learn. Have large common areas outside make it easier for me to learn. Having tables surrounded by trees are great for natural shade in the summer time. The more relaxing a building and its setting is, the easier it is to study and learn. I enjoy the outside commons area on the engineering campus because it incorporates water, a natural way to relax someone and make them feel tranquil. A good way for someone to relax before an exam.

I enjoy having classes in the business building-it feels like an open learning environment. I also have liked the new downtown library set up.

I do like the spaces in Sangren facing the Valley. It promotes a quiet learning atmosphere.
Take a look at the downtown Kalamazoo Public Library. Those library ladies could give you some good ideas. Their physical plant accommodates everyone from stuck-up executives and professors to moms and little kids to the homeless ... with grace.

Read Sarah Susanka.

Stay away from Frank Lloyd Wright.

Quiet restful environments with comfortable chairs have helped me learn and study, such as easy chairs in the library, but I also like desks/carrels such as in the library when I am taking notes into a laptop. I can also work well in a noisy coffee shop if there are outlets for my computer, since I can tune out some background noise. As far as learning in a classroom, I learn better when the chairs are comfortable and it is easy to hear the instructor and clearly see the visuals. Built-in media equipment also helps because then no one in the classroom has to try to see around the LCD projector stand at the front of the room.

I like the classrooms in the WMU Lansing center, they have tables, not desks. The desk type of furniture is out dated and confining. The Fetzer Center lecture hall is top notch.

Areas that are relaxing, natural lighting, trees, somewhat quiet - but not all the time.

newer classrooms with nice carpeting, big tables to work on group projects, latest technology avalible

CHHS - It is bright and open. If you come in thru the main door there is someone there to great you and assist you with finding your way around the building.

I learn best in spaces that are well lit, more with natural sunlight than bright florescent s. I prefer natural light because it doesn't hurt my eyes as much and I also don't feel as though I am being shut out from the outside. This is especially important in the winter time, since we have limited light time in Michigan. I also prefer more open spaces to learn in than in a room that is cramped and a little bit claustrophobic. I like rooms that feel bigger because I feel as though I have more personal space and having more space helps me to concentrate on tasks.

I learn best in a quiet environment with a lot of natural light, bright clear colors, open spaces, and a view of outdoor gardens or just natural areas. In terms of how these spaces feel, they have a perfect combination of feeling relaxed yet focused and alert.

Close, comfortable, quiet. Windows and seating, relaxed.

My best learning environments are ones in which I did not have to expend a lot of extra energy and time simply planning and getting around the building (accessibility), ones in which the outdoors were easily viewed from inside the building (natural light), and environments that had flexible use.

The Calkins Science building at Grand Rapids Community College is wonderful for studying. It has quiet, well-furnished, small spaces. It has many large windows and live plants which help students and faculty to feel more relaxed (even during finals!) And there is a clock in each room, and plenty of outlets for charging computers, which helps us to be more productive.

I have taken classes in Sangren, and some of the classrooms are very unattractive and quite depressing.

I have learned best in environments that were not so cluttered and there were not desk, but tables with chairs. This was in a classroom in the chemistry building. I also loved how the room had stadium sitting, this made it easier to concentrate.

Relaxing colors.

Nothing overbearing to take away from learning.

Plants, pictures, etc.

Good light, tables (not desks), technology savvy ways of presenting for both students and professors, lap top outlets

the library. It's quiet and people go there to get work done. a teacher that commands attention and keeps a room focused and is worth focusing on is what inspires me to learn

A highly technological, but conservative space is very prudent for advancing learning. You need to have a space that is capable of handling a students growing needs, but that isn't too noisy to distract from what needs to be done.

Areas with lots of natural light and color. Areas that bring nature indoors. KVCC has a great Student commons area with skylights and indoor trees and plants. It is an amazing space to study and retreat too.

Places with natural light and comfortable seating. Also a nice size area to set out books and papers. Easy access to a computer and/or the internet

I found the lecture halls in rood, which have steep, stadium style seating, to be conducive to learning. i felt much more a part of the class being taught.
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**QUESTION 3**

Brown Hall has inspired me to learn. This environment is really relaxed, open and has great technology that aids learning. Currently, Brown is where I take my language courses and it is really equipped with what I need to learn a language.

Well lit quite spaces.

The college of engineering by far. It's modern look and lounge areas are a perfect place to sit and do homework in a quiet environment. Also it's abundant outlets means you can sit almost anywhere with a laptop.

Open spaces have inspired my learning. Bright, natural light with a view to the outdoors, like trees or a pond would be nice.

The college of health and human services inspires me to learn but so does any place open.

Modern learning environments. Cozy in the winter as well.

A clean library carrel
A small group space for group work--a larger carrel
A small quiet space for individual work
A library table close to the stacks without a lot of talkers
An office comfortably heated/cooled with technology that worked at least 99% of the time and space for advising, working with students, working with colleagues

All the above spaces inspired me to be the student/faculty of whom excellence in studies is/was expected

I am a graduate student at this time. Modern tables, chairs, and carpeted floors are nice. Forget desks. Adult students do not fit in them and they are a thing of the past. Walls should be in neutral earth tones with white boards on the walls, not chalk boards. Lighting should be adjustable by the professor when needed. Use a softer colored i.e.d. or flourescent bulb.

The only space I really felt inspired to learn was in the library there really doesnt seem to be any real study space in Sangren

Clean, spacious, ergonomic, modern, comfortable, appealing.

Relaxing environments with comfortable seating but not too comfortable and big tables so that I can spread my stuff out.

1) Buildings that provide for teamwork.
2) Stadium seating in smaller classrooms. (such as HCoB)

Waldo Library...feels homey

Environments that inspire my learning include cool and comfortable colors with alot of natural light. In a space that feels less enclosed, the mind is allowed to relax and stay awake unlike stuffy dark classrooms

Warm, comfortable environments with carpeting and soft colors help me learn. I have class in Brown Hall in the wireless laptop room, and I think mobile tables and chairs that are in that room would be a nice idea for any classroom.

Waldo Library, because everything is so organized, peaceful and technological; it allowed me to concentrate because I wasn't focusing on noise or things falling apart (which normally happens in a typical Sangren classroom).

In the new library in Spring Lake. Open, lots of light, well organized, friendly, one stop place for many different things, activities taking place often, feel calm, relaxed and ready to learn.

Creative, progressive spaces inspire me to learn. Places that have artwork, attractive colors (Sangren's current color scheme is hideous), and user friendly equipment (even white erase boards would be better than chalkboards). In spaces such as these I study, interact with other students, and network. I feel relaxed and yet energized.

spaces that are fun, yet functional with cool technical gadgets. The Faculty MUST MUST MUST be able to use the gadgets - if they can not, then don't put them in the rooms.

places where you can sit outside and do some reading. Flowers and the inside should be bright. The dark lights and walls in sangeren make me sleepy

There have been many areas that have inspired me to learn. Being in a taller building in an upper level study room has been one. Having a nice scenic view of campus or the city just gets me in he zone to learn. Another environment has been in an open area with a green grass and some nice shade trees. Being able to sit under a tree at its base is a really nice place to learn and study in nice weather. Mulch around a tree kind of kills that.
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<td>Public work spaces that feel private inspire me to learn. Individual/small group work tables in a large open public space with plenty of white noise (people talking, fountains, hum of computers, etc) are a conducive work environment for me. A space like this gives the impression of hustle and bustle which definitely acts as a motivator for me to hit the grindstone!</td>
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<td>The space that inspired me to learn the most is probably the Parkview Campus of Western as it is a very advanced and technological innovated building.</td>
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<td>Brown Hall. The community area in Brown is so nice. As a Corn major, I have had many classes in Brown and utilized the community area on the main floor to study a lot. The seating is very nice and comfortable and it is really nice to see the updated technology and to not have a prof fussing over getting something to work right or waiting for a media cart to be wheeled in or out. It made me feel relaxed and secure in the environment. Not dreary like Sangren.</td>
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<td>Big non crowded areas are places I work best in. Seating options are a plus. Lighting that isn't overly bright in the rooms are great. My eyes are sensitive to anything to bright. So if it's a little dimmer I can focus better.</td>
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Places where I can see the outside. There's nothing like watching a snow storm to make you want to be inside learning, or looking at the clouds roll by learning about math. When the classroom reflects the outside it can bring a calming affect.

Spacious, Open windows, natural lighting

Coffee houses, not necessarily quite, but I can locate my own space, feel in the activity, but also isolated that I can put on my ipod and tune into my work. The most restrictive or anti environment to this would be cubicals closed in walls, see the grad cubicals in the engineering college, no one uses them, who wants to be confined to that kind of space? Not me.

I enjoy being surrounded by tall trees, they make me feel safe and secure.

A place that is modestly attractive, but not over the top. That way it feels clean and newer, but doesn't distract me. I can't focus when I think something needs to be cleaned or organized. Things in Sangren just needs to look less like someone's old living room without furniture, and more like a modern place of learning.

Some of the places where I do my best learning/studying are open areas with a lot of light. Examples on campus of such environments include: The Lee Honors College Lounge, areas of Waldo Library, the student lounge at CHHS, and the grassy knoll in front of the Bernhard Center. These areas are very peaceful.

Modern, open spaces with good colors and some sort of connection to technology. Helps me to study in a more updated space.

A clean, bright, suitable desk and chairs (good for reading and match to people's body). The desks and chairs in the study area are not really comfortable for people to sit down and reading, or doing some research via the internet.

The library of the sangren hall the study area need more outlets.

Currently, there are not enough quiet study area inside the sangren hall, and the light is not bright enough at night.

I have always enjoyed CHHS building and the chemistry building. They both provide open space to sit, study and converse in a comfortable and relaxed environment. Bathrooms and drinking fountains are great and are numerous. The biggest thing is that both buildings have comfortable and high tech classrooms where communication between student and professor is easy and always relaxed. Big open spaces that both buildings have is a plus.

A place conducive to learning must have few to little distractions, bugs on the floor are considered dirty as well as a distraction. The chairs need to be comfortable to sit for long studying periods of time.

A learning space must be flexible. It should accommodate a variety of learning encounters. This means furniture that can be moved and grouped. The lighting and environment can be controlled by the users. The space is sufficiently neutral in both design and aesthetic not to limit use. In an actual inspired experience there was a balance between design and functionality. It was comfortable -- no visual sensory distractions (visual, aural in particular). We were working in both small collaborative groups and then in a large group as well. The space allowed for this multiple use.

My internship has inspired me to learn. I was working with professionals who encouraged, and assisted me in learning.

I felt as though I was in a basement or prison. The walls are a dirty white and there are flyers taped to the walls.

The College of Health and Human Services provides a clean, bright, comfortable environment to learn.

Calming and relaxing environments are the best to inspire learning.

English class had bad acoustics. we could barely hear the teacher with all the noise outside the room through the emergency exit.

Smaller group learning spaces with Carpet (seriously makes a big difference) where you can access multiple materials at the same time (Computers, books, etc.)

The Health and Human Services building should be the model for future buildings on campus. The atmosphere is relaxing, full of natural light and green space. The technology available is first class and adds greatly to the learning experience.

I was at a friend of the family's house once; a large, beautiful home with culture all around it--paintings and sculptures and all sorts of books. The colors in the family room and study were warm and inviting, with really comfortable couches and nice lighting (not the retina-burning fluorescent kind). The space invited all of body, mind, and spirit into it. I wanted to know what was in the books on the shelves and who wrote them. I wanted to have a house like that of my own to spend time in ever day, either reading, drawing, or just relaxing with company.

WMU Southwest Campus.

I really like the study areas at the Parkview Campus, there's plenty of room to spread out and you get alot of natural light.

Areas lit with natural light and comfortable chairs.
Two types of spaces. One an open yet quite space for individual studying. And the other area for group/team meetings to allow for a louder group discussions in the environment. both allowing food/drink.

The environment that inspired me the most would probably have been law school, Wayne State University, library. It was quiet, open, clean and had windows. I felt safe and in a place where everybody was inspired to learn and gain knowledge.

Brown Hall has inspired me most; the technology is advanced, it's a relaxed atmosphere, and I didn't mind going to class there. I felt like I was at an important, technologically-saavy University whenever I had class in Brown Hall.

The lecture halls in Brown and the Chemistry Building have inspired me to learn. The halls are clean, and give off a comfortable, yet modern vibe. The classroom seats in these halls are also more comfortable than traditional desks and allowed me to focus on the lesson and not on how uncomfortable I was.

Seeing other things people have accomplished has inspired me to achieve my own goals, awards and achievements, history and background and purpose to why I am learning is important. Being near a creek surrounded by the environment helps to relax and concentrate on reading or studying and just helps enjoy the day more. The environment I have been inspired by most has been flight school, where an instructor teaches you what they know from personal experience and you get to know one another. I was taught important information in a variety of ways and not just from reading a $180 book. It felt good to have the individual support of a professional in that field and not just someone writing formulas on a board in front of 200 people.

The outdoors! I always feel more inspired to better myself when I’m not in a building.

I love the use of Schneider Hall’s quiet study lounge, as well as the Schneider cafe. I’d prefer this over Flosse’s.

University of Colorado - Boulder. I completed my undergraduate degree there and LOVED the architecture of the buildings. I felt happy and at home surrounded by the mix of old and new buildings...all had the same type of roofings, making the university stick out due to the buildings using the same material.

Adventure Centre at Pretty Lake. It was open, had fresh air, and had natural elements all around. A HOL class was held on this site and facilitation of teambuilding and therapy was the work that took place.

Quiet secluded areas where lounge couches or chairs are available. Separate space for tables/chairs could work as well for a venue for group projects. Clean and neat spaces promote better learning.

the lounge area in the first floor of the bernhard center which is quiet and warm during the winter, but personally I enjoy reading or studying outside on campus during the warmer periods of the school year

Bright, colorful, comfortable and technological savvy rooms.

I felt happy, content and excited to be there to learn. I also felt proud of my school and proud to be a student there studying.

Out side is a nice place to learn. If you make it a ‘Natural Nature’ them, that would be great!

The library needs more light!

Waldo Library is well lit, with plenty of electrical outlets, and all of the present available technology. I was studying, researching, and their for lecture.

Needs something like the schneider cafe. the one located in the building is not big enough and hard to find.

Most of my inspired learning took place in Wood, Brown, Sangren, and HCOB. Wood and Halworth were the best environments for my learning. I felt relaxed, safe, and i felt i had everything i needed there to maximize my learning potential.

Environments - I’m not sure. I had a class in Schneider Hall and that seems to be the only place I really think was designed for true learning. Sangren and many other halls all seem to have classrooms that are just small for the size of the classes - students are tripping over each other, over people's belongings just to try to get down a 6 inch aisle to an open desk.

Big windows lots. Some sunlight. Air conditioned in summer and heat in winter.

I really like the comfortable feeling I get when I step into the main room in Lee Honors College. The big comfy couches, the tables to set things down on, the room in the back where you can go and work on group projects. It’s an open, inviting, comfortable place to be.

Rooms w/good temperature control, good (natural) lighting, comfortable seating (tables and chairs, not desks) and appealing paint/wall coverings as well as cleanliness! This was at numerous places for professional development opportunities and conferences... it was nice and relaxing

Any room that's cozy and I see pictures of younger children in my family. Usually I’m studying or just reflecting on progress that I've made. I always feel motivated to push through the hard work. I want them to know success is possible. These times also alleviate stress and makes me feel more relaxed and at ease.
Old trees and green spaces. Think Michigan, Notre Dame, Harvard, East campus, the walk between Waldo Library and McCraken, not IBM (new chemistry building)

I enjoy spaces full of natural light. It helps me to focus on what is going on in class. Also, the availability of current technology is a must have in this day and age. The HHS building is a prime example of what I think Sangren needs to be. I always felt relaxed and confident I was getting a quality education in a school that cared about my needs and experience.

a classroom where i have plenty of space to learn. I find it much easier when i have space to lay out my things on a table or desk.

I enjoy learning in quiet areas that are not cluttered and closed off. The areas at the end of the halls are nice because while being comfortable and quiet they also have big windows where I do not feel enclosed in a stuffy room and can at least enjoy the sun when I can't be outside since I'm doing homework or the weather doesn't permit it. I feel that I can enjoy the best of both worlds while being productive. I also prefer the comfortable chairs with the desks attached as opposed to cubicle type enclosed desks that are attached together.

The Atrium at borgess hospital. Aesthetically pleasing to the eye, spacious, quiet, relaxing, can keep a thought process without being interrupted.

I like buildings with a lot of character, taking classes in a place of history is much more stimulating than a cookie-cutter ed building.

Quiet secluded areas where there's only a handful of people

spaces that are between 70 and 75 degrees

A good example is the Lettinga campus at Davenport university. They have plenty of individual seating alcoves on each floor, allowing an individual student or a small group to meet together, which is great for group projects. You can see in the door of a classroom before entering so you know whether it's appropriate to walk in.

Desks should have plenty of room to set up books, notepad and laptop computers for students. Ensure that the teachers have access to technology in each classroom, including internet access.

Avoid the electronic bathrooms, though. They are the ones where you wave your hands to start the water, and you have no control over the temperature. Not great when they malfunction and are too cold or too hot.

Quiet, Friendly

Personally, I hate lecture halls. I love to have to sit at an actual desk where it's my space and I'm not having other students breathe down the back of my neck.

College of heath and human services is a good example of a inspiring place to learn.

I like the little reading nooks by large windows at the Oshtemo branch library. I like the quietness of Waldo at night, but I do not feel safe there.

Environments that provided comfort in sitting and ease in mobility. When I walk into the Health and Human Service building I am amazed at the architecture and the design of the building. The building is set up for adult professional studies and readily invites coming in, sitting down and putting you in a mind frame of learning something new. I have attended presentations in this building and it was hard to go back to Sangren afterwards.

I learn best when I'm comfortable and quiet. In the older lecture halls they just cram as many seats as possible, even though most classes don't fill all the seats. The best learning environment are in the buildings on the Parkview campus, and the Chem building. They are spacious, the air seems cool and clean, and the seats are comfortable, without being palacial. I didn't dread going to these buildings, like i did when I went to Dunbar, Wood, or Sangren

The outdoors has inspired me to learn. I think it's also important to have comfortable furniture or seating while studying for long periods.

Clean, quiet, non-cramped places are the best for me to learn in.

I learn in environments that have a lot of natural light, comfortable places to sit, when in class I need room to have the books/notebooks/laptop in front of me, space so I don't feel as though people are looking over my shoulder and about to fall on me. If I need a break from studying, a lounge area with TV and comfy lounge chairs is very nice. Having beautiful, calming art and decorations is very appealing to the senses.

The courtyards at KVCC are very relaxing and peaceful. They definitely inspire me to learn because I am relaxed and at peace when sitting in them.

Brown Hall. It is very conducive to learning: quiet, good technology, lots of room and clean workspaces.

Environments with history, like East Campus, have inspired me to learn and to get the most out of my education.
group projects help a lot for future teachers to brainstorm ideas and their just isn't enough space. 

spaced out tables in brown gave me a chance to do group work without being distracted by other groups.

The business college is new and beautiful. I have been inspired to learn and feel comfortable in the building, and in their indoor and outdoor lounge areas. Waldo Library is a beautiful and spacious place to learn as well. Being on campus grounds new trees and grass to relax during warm days is also a great feel for learning and campus life. Its a privilege to be there and a part of a great university.

nature, water fountains!

An environment that was clean, comfortable and aesthetically pleasing.

Spacious, modern environments (such as offices with conference tables) have in the past been most conducive to my studying, especially when working with a group. In that vein, if I feel like I’m in a jail or an old building that’s falling apart, I find studying to be rather difficult. Access to chalk/whiteboards is also a huge benefit. Also, it is much more difficult to study in a high-traffic areas, so if study areas have no privacy, they will be much reduced in effectiveness.

The Library, the Bronco Mall, and Student Lounge in Schneider is where I get 90% of my work done. These places are quiet with big windows that provide light and support a learning environment.

College of Health and Human Services, Haworth College of Business, Waldo Library

OPEN, CLEAN, and WELL LIT

alone, in study rooms

I like hands on areas. I found that learning in the Rec center was great because of the supplies available for Athletic Training and the AT room so close to the Rec. When I switched majors to Communications I enjoyed the technology available. Giving the teachers the opportunity to use multiple technologies helps the student learn in multiple ways. The use of the clickers and laptops assisted in a hands on environment. I felt that even in a big lecture hall I was still involved in the class.

Quiet, peaceful, neutral colors, quiet spaces inspire me to learn. Did I say quiet?

Lot of natural light and welcoming nature were most conducive for studying.

A bigger classroom were desks are not just littered all over the classroom, like many of the room in Sangren. I also learn better when the rooms are not set up in lecture style when you can make the room more of a circle and share ideas and thoughts and see the person you are talking to.

nature, outdoors, and just clam quiet surroundings.

Students require a comfortable setting, designed for adults. Plenty of work space to allow students room to spread out and a place place to plug in your laptop. Multi-purpose furniture, easy to move, to allow students and instructors to rearrange space. Many classes break in to small groups.

Glass walls looking outside to trees. Studying, relaxed and in nature

A safe, clean, friendly environment is ideal for learning. I need an environment that is conducive to learning where I am not worrying/thinking about anything other than my studies. Air quality and an aesthetic environment are vital.

The health and human services building is a great place to learn. Its a beautiful building and it makes you want to learn."

Large, open spaces give your mind room to breathe and function naturally.

Rood Hall is a great place to learn. It has comfortable seating, modern technology, and great lighting.

I feel totally in tune and focused studying in Brown Hall.

Flexible spaces that can be modified according to the task.

A place that provides the technological means to work uninterrupted (internet access, electrical outlets) in an environment that is well-lighted (preferably with some natural light), and atmospherically controlled to be in the 70's. A good traffic flow with spaces to spread out books, papers, laptops...some areas for small group work...access to bathroom facilities and water. A feeling of security when coming and going. Good sightlines to instructors, good acoustics (within the classroom and yet not hearing the work of the class next to us). Artwork that can be inspirational. Facilities that show respect for the environment (green building). Inclusion of elements from nature (light, water, plants)

The WMU library is a great place for learning as are the green open spaces found near campus occasionally. When I feel at peace, I am more inspired to learn.
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<td>The environment I learn best in are when I am not concerned with the environment. If I am constantly reminded about the lack of air conditioning, antiquated facilities, or am wondering if there is asbestos in the building I am distracted from the learning. Same can be said if the environment is gaudy.</td>
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<td>Updated looks make me more eager to learn, but nothing fancy is necessary. I think the Schneider hall cafe is very nice, and the new chemistry building is beautiful. Having a bright and clean area to work in makes it easier and more pleasant to get things done.</td>
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<td>Places with windows and a lot of natural light. put in as many windows as possible</td>
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<td>I really like the renovations made to Brown Hall. The furniture in the classrooms are more mobile so the instructors can have you set up the classroom in a way that allows for a better learning environment for that subject. I like the open common area on the main floor that allows room for groups to meet up before class.</td>
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<td>Atriums! Tall ceilings, plants, and natural lighting/huge windows create a relaxing space to study or take a break in. When one is spending 10+ hours on campus, these spaces are important aspects of your day. Especially in the middle of a Michigan winter! Specifically, the student center at GVSU comes to mind-- usually a seat was hard to come by due to the popularity of the atrium area.</td>
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<td>Actually the Ed. library in Sangren is a cool spot because it isn't as large as Waldo and it is easier to access, especially if you have classes in Sangren. The little atriums are cool spots to do some last minute reading before a class or during a break although they are in a weird location buy the elevators (a distraction). There should be vending machines in those areas too. Other really cool learning spots - Waldo is nice too, Walwood in the lobby when no one is around, Bernhard on the second floor in a little nook somewhere, Bernhard computer lab, CHHS.</td>
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<td>Any place where I can feel comfortable is a place I can learn. It also has to be clean.</td>
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<td>A well-lighted place with comfy chairs like the Honors College. It's intimidating to go to the LHC if you're not a member. Sometimes it's loud if you're in other buildings. Plenty of room to spread out, technology in the classrooms, etc.</td>
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<td>I love to be outdoors or around nature. One of my favorite places on campus is the lobby of CHHS. It would be cool to see another element of nature, like water in CHHS, utilized in Sangren. Somewhere quite and comfortable</td>
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<td>good light quiet - sound insulation between rooms common space with healthy food available study nooks available</td>
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<td>I spend most of my time on Parkview Campus. The facilities are wonderful. Graduate students (phd) have work areas that are somewhat separated - making research easy to do on campus &amp; have enough privacy to run office hours.</td>
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<td>I love quiet spaces like libraries and open peaceful outdoor spaces like near the fountain at Waldo library. Similar to CHHS strong use of daylighting, water, and vegetation indoors creates a very inviting atmosphere.</td>
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<td>At GVSU I looked out a window to see a small roof garden/green roof. Regardless of size and actual thermal advantages, the intrinsic value of having a progressive environmental showpiece was a point of pride for students there.</td>
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<td>Windows and skylighting in hallways allow me a needed break between classes to let my mind wander and leaves me feeling refreshed and focused.</td>
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An environment that is spacious, clean, filled with light and warmth is needed for growth and learning. It should be a welcoming place with common areas for people to gather and talk. Classrooms should be filled with natural light and room for students and teachers to interact.