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UNIVERSITY OF BEDFORDSHIRE

CASE STUDY



*Interior design by Ross Macfarlane
from our design office in Glasgow.*

“A modern, innovative university”

The University of Bedfordshire, UK

The University of Bedfordshire recently invested £46m in a new state-of-the-art library at their Luton campus. The design concept were delighted to be appointed principal furniture supplier for the project which incorporated 7,400 sq metres of space over 9 levels.

Working closely with the University's project team & MCW Architects, the design concept successfully installed a diverse range of furniture throughout the building which included:

- Group and Quiet Study Booths
- State-of-the Art IT and AV furniture
- Contemporary Soft Seating with integrated technology
- Colour coded desk-top power outlets
- Meeting Areas
- Cafeteria



The design concept introduced many furniture solutions to the University Library. The image bottom left gives an idea of the library's size. Over 9 floors a vast number of study booths and pods were installed, suitable for individual, small and large group study sessions. Colourful soft seating encourages students to make themselves comfortable and creates a relaxing atmosphere.



Booths can be seen in various colour ranges through the library. Arm chairs with high backs, reduces sound from surrounding areas and are integrated with work surfaces and pluto power stations have been added that allow students to plug-in laptops and also have twin USB ports (bottom right image.) Five person circular table/desk capable of accommodating computer screens with power-up and down option to provide screen-less, flat table surface when required, keyboard and mouse housing and integral cable tray is also included.



Working with the University's existing shelving system, the study booths give the space a modern feel and injects an array of colours to the entire space.



Classic side chairs with chrome base are used in the café at the reception of the Luton Campus Library in a range of colours to suit the library interior. Sled based chairs are used throughout the library and a rocking version provides students with dual seating positions for maximum comfort and support. Stackable chairs with upholstered seat pads can be stored easily to create space when required.

“the design concept were able to bring fantastic creative ideas and solutions to this project. Ross and the team had an amazing attention to detail and provided excellent support which has made it a huge success. Between us we have created a fantastic library interior across 9 floors which has excited and wowed all at the University”

Leo O'Neill
Head of Library Development
University of Bedfordshire, UK



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