

Experiencing Global Project Management:

Designing the Floor Plan for the Information Systems Program

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The IS Predicament

Information Systems is a new degree in CMU-Q.
 It calls for specific floor plan needs that CMU-Q currently doesn't cater to (students, faculty and courses)

Approach

- **Worked as a global team:** 3 students in Qatar; 2 students in Pittsburgh working remotely
- **Used distance collaboration tools:** Basecamp, Videoconferencing, Chat rooms
- **Used project management techniques: (Estimation, Gantt charts, etc)**
- Studied Pittsburg & Qatar campuses for possible IS department needs



Fig 1. Pictures used to generate ideas for department needs

- Explored department needs through meetings with IS professors
- Selected locations, rooms & resources needed



Fig 2. Options looked at for placement of rooms

Solution

Design Project Rooms: A thorough investigation led us to the conclusion that the most pressing need of the IS department were project rooms.

Results

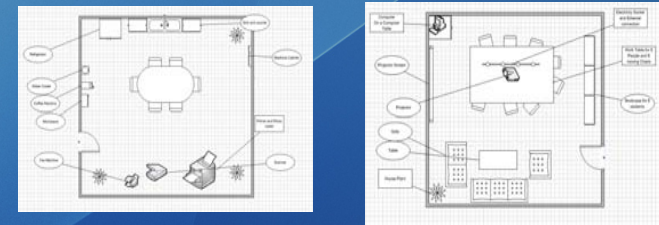


Fig3. Location and design of rooms

Reflection

- **Global Project Management is effective if the team manages:**
 - Time and time zone differences
 - Collaboration, communication
 - Cultural differences and various backgrounds
 - Technology constraints