

## Study Zones: Catering to the Different Study Styles



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Library customers visit the library for different reasons. Some come to look for books and journals, either to read or to borrow them. Some come to study and do research, either alone or in a group. Others come to have discussions or meetings in the library. People also come to use the free services and facilities offered by the library. In the past, traditionally, it is expected everyone to be quiet when they enter a library. You will also see librarians or library assistants walking around to ensure that people do not talk loudly in the library. Those who come to the library also expect it to be a quiet place where they can study in peace.

As time goes by, study habits also change. Now people want to discuss in the library. Some even expect that food should also be allowed in the library. Others hope the library to be opened 24 hours a day.

For the IIUM Library, it tries to fulfil all the different study styles of its customers. The library has created two study zones that are clearly marked with appropriate signs. The Quiet Study Zones is an area where silence must be observed so as not to distract or disturb individuals who want to study in silence. For those in a study group mode, the library has set up the Group Study Zone that allows a certain degree of audible group discussion.

The library has also established an area called Learning Common for students to meet and discuss. The areas selected are equipped with a raised floor and furnished with "Japanese tables" and mounted glass board for scribbling of discussion notes. The area is becoming a hit with the library customers.



It is the responsibility of all library customers to select the study area that best fits their study style so as not to disturb or be disturbed by others. The IIUM Library continues to strive to fulfil the expectations of its customers given the nature of how information and knowledge are now stored, accessed and updated electronically. It also strives to change in line with the rapid change of the learning and study styles of its customers.

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