



SAC CAT CLASSROOM RESEARCH REPORT 2014-15 FACT SHEET UNI

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) has a CAT (Collaborative, Active learning, Transformational) Classroom in Bartlett Hall. Features include:

- 24-seat classroom equipped with round tables, laptops, and flat-screen televisions
- 4 roundtables that seat six students each and the instructor's station is at the center of the room
- Each table has 3 networked laptops and monitor displaying data

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT: 32 faculty trained to teach in the classroom since summer 2014

2014-2015 SAC CAT Classroom Research (total of 209 study participants):

- Beginning and end of semester data surveys with students (n=172)
- Faculty and staff interviews (n=14)
- Student Focus Groups (n=27)

"Having taken a class in the SAC CAT classroom, would you recommend this to others?" 71.5% YES

36% of students (n=172) who initially approached the room with negative, mixed, neutral or n/a views ended the semester with a positive view of the room.

Sample Student Comment:

"I would recommend this [classroom] to others because it is a comfortable room that has developed my critical learning skills. I also talk to a lot of people about what I'm learning in class, more so than any other [classes] I'm taking. I enjoy the technology and how it is used every day."

Sample Faculty Comment:

"Teaching in the CAT classroom has been one of the most enriching experiences I have had as a college-level educator."

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