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Today’s higher education spaces are expected to perform in ways we never would have imagined a decade ago. The pressure is on to effectively invest resources into physical spaces that not only meet the needs of 21st century learners, but also help attract and retain the best students and staff.

It is increasingly important to create an inclusive campus experience – one that provides a sense of community, creativity and connection.
Today’s spaces need to be flexible and multi-functional to meet the reality of educational environments. This reality dictates that the spaces we design are:

**Diverse**

Multi-functional and flexible spaces are the new standard. Classrooms are shifting and reconfiguring throughout the day to support different ways of learning. Technology has enabled learning to happen anywhere. As a result, areas outside the classroom, like hallways and lobbies, now perform double duty as study areas and lounges.

**Optimized**

Institutions are finding ways to fit more people in less space, creating spaces that comfortably accommodate both commuting and resident students and staff throughout the day.

**Inclusive**

Spaces must support a diversity of student and staff needs. From increased and varied power and data access to support technology, to intuitive and adjustable furniture that accommodates a range of user needs, sizes and abilities, institutions need to ensure access to learning for all.

**A comprehensive portfolio**

Our broad range of education furniture supports different learning styles across a spectrum of spaces including classrooms, lecture halls, learning commons, lobbies, atriums, cafeterias, administrative and faculty areas.

Global products are designed to meet the complex and unique needs of the higher education landscape including the ability to:

- Flex and reconfigure to meet changing and diverse needs
- Support the integration of technology
- Facilitate learning outside the classroom
- Endure the heavy use of its users
- Encourage connection and collaboration wherever it happens
In order to fully engage students in learning, they need to transition between lecture, group study, presentation, discussion and individual work time.
Learning spaces:
The flexible classroom

Global supports flexible spaces that respond to the needs of different learning styles throughout the course of a day. Morphing from a traditional classroom space, our Bungee and Bungee SL tables can easily and quickly be reconfigured to support group work or meetings – ensuring you are able to maximize a room’s usage all day long.
Learning spaces:

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Active learning/group work
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Creating centers of collaboration

The spaces outside the classroom are working harder and harder. Not only do they help define the campus’ culture and character, they must fulfill a variety of functions. Learning is no longer restricted to the classroom – it now extends to every corner of the campus. Lobbies, atriums and hallways are working double duty as casual learning spaces that encourage serendipitous interactions. Libraries are becoming learning commons, requiring areas for group work rather than just individual study. Students also need spaces throughout the day where they can dwell when not engaged in class or group work.

Fostering community and connection

Reimagined spaces bring with them unique challenges. Managing technology and acoustics, providing varying levels of privacy or community, and creating a feeling of comfort for students and staff all need to be considered. Global’s extensive range of lounge, guest and meeting chairs create comfortable and casual places to meet, interact or plug-and-play while balancing privacy and openness. We also offer a range of desking and table solutions – from fully powered benching systems to individual study carrels and meeting tables that support technology in both personal and group settings.
Common spaces:

Learning commons

Global’s River lounge seating collection and Bridges II desking solutions easily provide varying levels of power, data and privacy required in lounge areas and learning commons.

Group and individual work

River lounge seating includes USB and power ports enabling users to plug-and-play, high backs provide acoustic privacy in public places.

Bridges II benching with power and data capabilities for computer labs; desk height screens provide visual privacy without blocking light.
Office spaces need to support the diversity of work being performed in addition to enhancing the productivity and wellbeing of the space’s users.

Doing more with less
Office spaces are changing too. Rising real estate costs, multi-generational workforces and new ways of working are affecting how we approach the office landscape. From traditional, closed-office environments to hybrid spaces, these office environments now include plug-and-play touchdown spaces, collaborative areas and bookable meeting spaces to meet the diverse needs of the people who inhabit them.

Flexibility for the future of work
Office spaces need to support the diversity of work being performed while enhancing the productivity and wellbeing of the space’s users. Our range of freestanding tables, desks and systems components can be combined to create a flexible footprint that is easy to personalize and quick to respond to changes. We can help you do more in less space to streamline costs without sacrificing performance, comfort or your design aesthetic.
Office spaces:
Administrative areas, faculty offices

From faculty offices to administrative areas, Global’s Zira products enable a range of workplace planning – from open plan benching to enclosed private offices, all while maintaining a consistent look. Bridges II provides opportunities for collaboration, casual meetings and touchdown spaces.

Collaborative and private workspaces

Zira offers enhanced filing and storage options for papers and books.

Bridges II benching maximizes space efficiency and promotes collaboration.

Casual spaces for meetings and group work.
We bring your ideas to life without compromising quality or sustainability. Our hands-on manufacturing approach enables us to modify standard products, create custom products and work with a range of materials and finishes within standard timeframes and costs. This is backed by our comprehensive warranty, service and maintenance programs, ensuring your investment will stand the test of time.

The largest manufacturing and distribution network in North America supports our comprehensive product portfolio. We have more than 35 showrooms in key markets that are supported by an extensive dealer network. This provides unmatched coverage, access and responsiveness wherever you are.