

## SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY

School of Social Work &  
International Programs  
Salem, MA

### Project Partners

Jones Architecture, Inc.  
Salem Renewal LLC  
Seeger Architects, Inc.

### Trends

Active Learning  
Technology Integration

### Solutions

Furniture  
Audiovisual Technology



Reconfigurable classroom with Steelcase Node chairs | Photos © William Horne

## Collaborative partnership creates an innovative space transformation.

An unexpected and non-traditional space, the School of Social Work and International Programs now occupies a former Temple steps away from Salem State's campus. Complete with integrated classrooms, a computer lab, and faculty offices, this collaborative project transforms a former house of prayer into a modern and flexible learning environment.

## Adaptive reuse transformation.

Looking for a new home for the School of Social Work and International Programs, Salem State University found a prime location adjacent to the main campus. A true collaboration, the developer, Salem Renewal, partnered with Seeger Architects, specialists in adaptive reuse and historical preservation, and Jones Architecture, experts in higher education environments.

While most of the exterior remained intact, the interior of the space was completely renovated. A second level was built into the former double-height sanctuary space to increase square footage without adding to the footprint. Twenty faculty offices were included in the upper "attic" level while numerous classrooms on the lower level. Classrooms include basic display capabilities and Steelcase Node chairs with tablet arms so faculty could support flexibility in learning modalities. These chairs allow students to easily move into collaborative group work from a lecture or presentation. Technology was also integrated throughout with two Active Learning Classrooms, featuring screen sharing setups and a computer lab with rows of computers for focus work.



BEFORE: Original sanctuary space and congregation seating



AFTER: One of the classrooms with projection capability