# Ryan Atrium

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## Raise your hand if...



#### 7 classrooms 1 lecture hall/auditorium 4 conference rooms 3 expansive study/event spaces 1 video conference room 2 finance & accounting computer lab classrooms 5 group collaboration rooms 1 cafe 1 career education satellite office 1 iHelp satellite office 12 Bloomberg terminals

### First Impressions

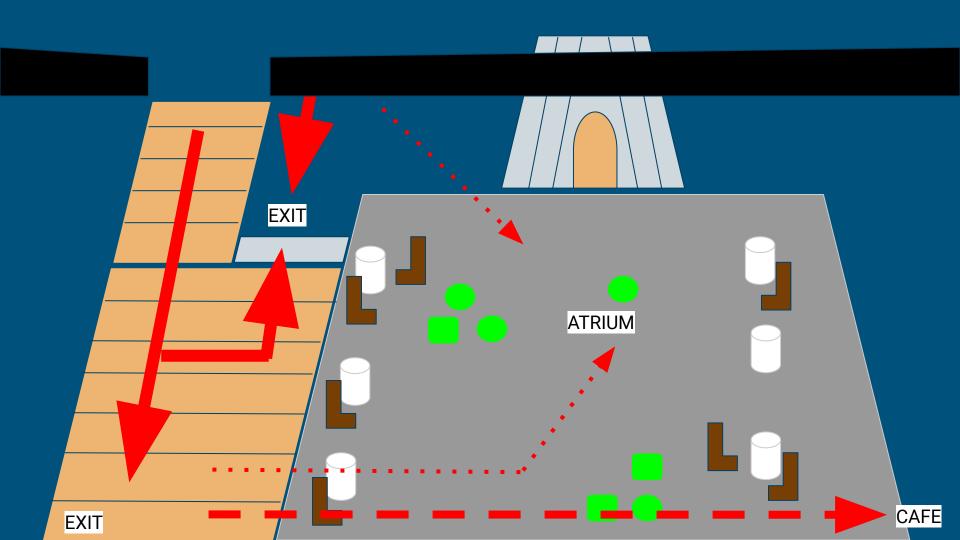


- At first we were unsure where to sit when we entered, and we eventually found a spot in the Ryan atrium, which is the area that we focused on in our observation.
- It was relatively quiet, and every student had a laptop in front of them.
- It was primarily being used as a place for homework and studying, with little conversation.
- Your eyes are drawn to empty tables if you need somewhere to sit, and the full ones if you are meeting someone.
- Most students had on athletic, and PC attire.

### What We Noticed



- At 10:20 am a class let out, and this is where we noticed the first major shift in the Atrium.
- Students streamed down the staircase, and the majority of them went straight out the doors.
- Some students trickled towards the Eaton St. Cafe, while very few went to sit in the Atrium.
- Another thing we noticed is that, for the most part, students had coffees in front of them (La Salle, Starbucks, and Dunkin Donuts) or water bottles.
- The "Scanlon Financial Resources Lab," or Spaceship, was empty.



#### What We Think the Problem Is

- Ryan is often associated with just business majors, this makes sense because it is the Business School here at PC.
- Even though we are technically Business Minors, we still felt out of place sitting in Ryan.
  - Currently most of the classes for the business minor are not held in Ryan.

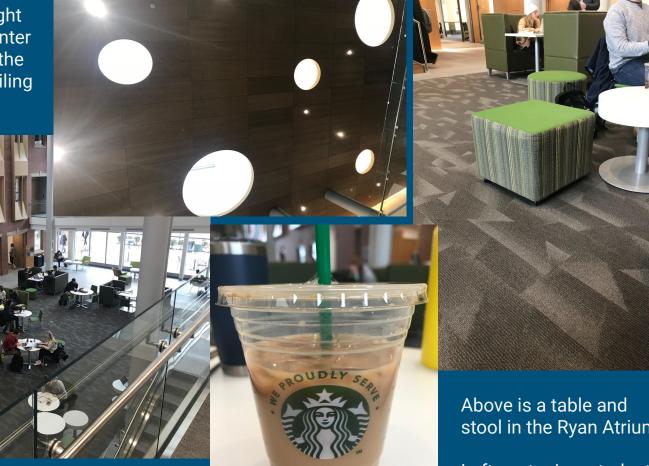
Exclusive, Intimidating, State-of-the-art, etc.

#### Ideas to Fix It

- We need to find a way to become more comfortable as the Business Innovation Minor Continues to develop.
- The Minor has to find ways to connect with Ryan as a whole.
  - Meetings
    - Academic, clubs, etc.
  - Classes
  - Events
    - Game viewings, etc.

Photos

Right center is the ceiling



Above is an overview of the atrium from the second floor stool in the Ryan Atrium

Left center is a student's iced coffee

## Drawings

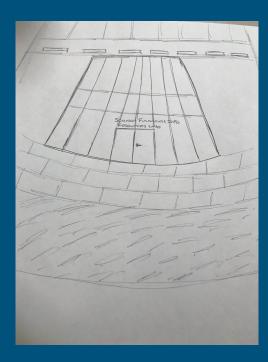


Image of Scanlon Financial Info Resources Lab (the spaceship)



Image of Overhead Lighting

## Questions and Suggestions