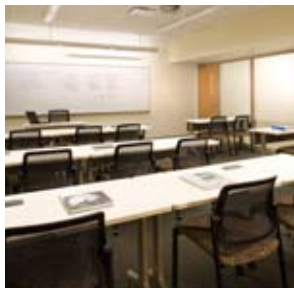


## Birck Hall Renovation 5700 College Road, Lisle, IL



Client: Benedictine University  
Architect: DLR Group  
Role: Construction Manager

International Contractors, Inc. completed a 14,000 SF renovation in Benedictine University's Birck Hall of Science in January, 2009.

The project needed to be complete before the start of the Spring semester so ICI developed an aggressive schedule which ensured on-time delivery. Work began in November, 2008 and completed one week ahead of the original 32 week schedule.

The renovations included turning existing, unused, basement space into 5 general classrooms, 1 large lecture hall, 3 break out rooms, 1 seminar room, a laser lab, computer science teaching lab, an NMR room, and 4 spaces for office use.

Logistically speaking, parts of the renovation were very challenging. ICI installed a large air handling unit in the basement which, due to its size, had to be brought in piece by piece and assembled on-site.

Birck Hall was an occupied building and needed to be functional for the duration of the project. Therefore, ICI carefully coordinated around class and staff schedules. Working in an occupied building requires timely coordination in order to have minimal disruption to the students and staff.

Ultimately, ICI completed the project ahead of schedule and \$74,000 under the original budget. Included in this savings was \$33,000 in value engineering alternatives offered by ICI and accepted by the University.

*The experience with the Birck Hall Lower Level project was incredibly positive, from budgeting to close-out. This aggressive project was both on time and under-budget, allowing the University to open new classrooms just in time for the new semester.*

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