Classrooms, lecture halls, and conference rooms are at the intersection of where students and faculty collaborate — remotely and in person.

As institutions look ahead to shaping the in-person learning experience of the future where productivity will be central, creating on-campus spaces with innovative workstations that are simple, flexible, and reliable is paramount.

Productivity-boosting tech solutions should be:

01. Simple for all students and faculty to operate effortlessly

02. Flexible enough to be used in a variety of disciplines

03. Reliable and secure to minimize risk

Consider how each of these aspects applies to the differing needs of end users.

Together, Lenovo workstations and the Intel vPro® platform deliver software certification, faster processing, and robust security — ensuring education institutions at every level have the right devices for students, administrators, instructors, and IT.

Students are eager for in-person learning experiences. 71% of high school seniors say they hope to take some or all of their college courses in person.¹
01. For simplicity
Consider device management
Creating a borderless campus includes creating in-person learning spaces that encourage and foster productivity and employing tools that allow everyone to use their time efficiently. For students and faculty members hopping between classrooms and lecture halls, this could mean not needing to focus on endless login screens. For campus IT teams, this might mean spending less time on password resets and software updates.

Device as a Service solutions allow IT teams to focus on key priorities by freeing up time and resources. Lenovo DaaS is available on the latest devices built with the Intel vPro® platform. DaaS also allows for devices to be easily added or removed — which is ideal as institutions look to scale their learning environments to meet student demand in the coming years.

02. For flexibility
Create a campus-wide ecosystem
It doesn’t have to be a balancing act between student engagement and meeting the needs of administrators. Flexible tools can work just as efficiently in the conference room as the lecture hall.

Whether your students are creating CAD schematics in the engineering lab or drafting an essay in a classroom, creating a campus-wide tech ecosystem allows instant familiarity for students and faculty to learn without missing a beat.

Lenovo’s ThinkPad® P14s and P1 mobile workstations are equipped with powerful 11th Gen Intel® Core™ or Intel® Xeon™ processors capable of performing the most demanding tasks. Lenovo workstations efficiently run software (AutoCAD, Revit, SolidWorks, and others) that empowers the most creative and innovative ideas students can imagine — and helps prepare students for their professional lives ahead.

03. For reliability
A secure workstation is a productive workstation
Maintaining a secure workstation has never been more important, as cyberattacks in higher education far outpace attacks in many other industries. The ThinkShield security portfolio — powered by the Intel vPro® platform — can help protect your in-person learning spaces. ThinkShield has a suite of solutions, including built-in platform security, device protection, threat and data protection, and security management, that provide layered security.

Consider additional measures such as cloud recovery and online data backups. A robust defense system can free up campus IT teams to focus on other needs and priorities.

Sources
2 Microsoft, “Global Threat Activity,” November 2021

Shield your campus from attacks.
Educational institutions are a top target for cyberattacks. They’re the victims of more than 60% of all malware attacks.²

Creating a productive environment for students, faculty, and administrators to coexist in a borderless campus doesn’t have to be a challenge.

A working partnership with Lenovo Education will help you assess higher education needs and identify solutions.

With careful consideration for simple, flexible, reliable tools, you can build a productive experience for everyone on campus.
Chart your path to a productive borderless campus

Consider these key points.

☐ What are the unique needs of your student population?
Consider the needs of hearing and visually impaired students when choosing devices. Captioned video software or dictation tools can help learners of all abilities participate — and are accessible on Lenovo workstations to help ensure everyone’s in-person learning experience is meaningful and productive. Also consider the right software to support specific areas of study, making sure the applications are tested and certified to ensure stability and reliability for optimal performance.

☐ Is your faculty ready?
Proper training for faculty members is crucial so that everyone can use the tools available to them — regardless of their location. Understanding your ideal configuration will help ensure you have the most effective options for your distinctive use cases.

☐ How will you facilitate discussions with guest speakers?
Collaboration platforms such as Microsoft Teams easily allow for guest speakers and discussions to be held with simplicity and are securely supported by Lenovo workstations built on the Intel vPro® platform.

☐ What building or facility limitations do you have?
Ideally, the classroom technology should be consistent across all locations. This allows educators and students to seamlessly use the tools regardless of the classroom, lecture hall, or building configuration.

☐ Is your institution cloud-enabled?
Cloud-based solutions allow for learning to happen in and out of the classroom. When creating a hybrid environment, cloud-based software can allow students and faculty to learn without distraction.

☐ What industry-specific software solutions do you need to prepare your students?
Consider the types of applications your students, faculty, and administrators will be using. Will you need industry-specific applications such as AutoCAD, Revit, or SolidWorks? Will you be using cloud-based applications such as Adobe Creative Cloud?

A thorough assessment of all these factors will help guide you to the right workstation for your students and faculty. Lenovo ThinkStation™ and ThinkPad® P Series workstations are all tested and certified by independent software vendors (ISVs), guaranteeing our workstations will deliver the best possible user experience for learners.

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We deliver technology to support faculty, staff, and students, no matter where learning happens. Learn more at www.lenovo.com/Education.