WELCOME TO THE CENTRE FOR APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

FAQs for Students

Why was the Centre for Applied Technology created?

The Centre for Applied Technology was developed to provide the classroom space and labs required to increase NAIT's student enrolment and meet Alberta's workforce needs in science, technology and the environment, health, business and trades.

Which students are moving to CAT?

The Centre for Applied Technology (CAT) will accommodate approximately 5,000 full-time students in the School of Health and Life Sciences, the JR Shaw School of Business and the School of Applied Sciences and Technology. Students from other schools and programs may also have classes in CAT. Of course, the amenities including study spaces and food services are open to all.

What else will be in CAT?

CAT will feature the new Student Service Centre, 57 classrooms, 45 labs, a 135-seat theatre, universal washrooms, a reflection room, a high-capacity wireless network and an outdoor quad with a stage for events.

Will there be more study spaces in CAT?

Yes. CAT is designed to provide a variety of study spaces for students – whether for large groups, small groups, or individuals. Besides the study spaces found throughout CAT, meeting rooms with an entrance through a public hallway can also be booked by students through the Scheduling web portal.

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Will I have enough travel time between classes?

Yes. As of September 2016, the scheduled break between all classes will be 10 minutes. Each class will begin at 15 minutes past the hour and end at 5 minutes past the hour.

What are some of the food services offered at CAT?

A full-service Tim Hortons (complete with soups and sandwiches), Subway, a sit-down, fast-casual restaurant that serves authentic Neapolitan pizza, and another restaurant that will serve international entrees and gourmet burgers. There will also be a new Starbucks and convenience store.

What is Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)?

BYOD in an educational context is a method of program delivery in which students bring their personal laptops, tablets and smartphones to use in the classroom.

At NAIT, students who study in the new Centre for Applied Technology will bring their own device to access course materials, educational resources and services.

Students are required to use a mobile computing device that meets the technical specifications outlined by their programs. Students are advised to check with their program(s) for technology/device requirements.

Why is NAIT adopting a BYOD strategy?

BYOD is a leading practice in educational technology. BYOD will enhance students' learning by enabling students the flexibility to access course materials, resources and services from their own device, at their convenience.

How will NAIT support student use of personal devices?

NAIT is supporting BYOD through enhanced technical systems like improved Wi-Fi and a walk-up support desk in the CAT Computer Commons where students can get technical support and assistance with BYOD and other IT questions. Elsewhere on campus, walk-up support will continue to be available in the NAITSA Computer Commons and in T307.

Will CAT have more computer labs?

Yes. There will be a CAT Computer Commons with 90 desktop computers for student use and 60 spaces for students to use their own devices (total capacity: 150).

There will also be 6 CADD labs for students in the School of Applied Sciences and Technology.

How do I print at CAT?

Printing at CAT will work the same way as printing elsewhere on campus. NAIT is introducing mobile printing across campus in which students can download a printing app or upload their document to a website to print. The job can be released at any common use printer on campus, when and where it's most convenient. For more info about print services and location, please visit nait.ca/printing.

CAT by the numbers

- CAT is a 51,600 m^2 (555,000 sq. ft.) five-story education building located on 106th Street

- CAT will have the capacity to accommodate approximately 5,000 students on a daily basis of which 1,700 will represent new enrolment growth

- Total of 535 new computers

- 11 student lounges

- 57 classrooms

- 45 labs

- 135-seat lecture theatre

Where can I find more about the Centre for Applied Technology?

Check the MyNAIT Student Portal, **www.nait.ca/cat**, and follow @NAIT on social media for updates and information about the new building.