

# computer science and design

preferential treatment at **Northeastern University**

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Northeastern University  
INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING COMPLEX

Opened in 2017, the **Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Complex (ISEC)** is Northeastern's crowning achievement in research.



Standing at six stories high, the **\$225 million** research center boasts **230,000 square feet.**



**CJ Andrews,**  
a first-year  
computer  
science &  
design major,  
sometimes  
takes his work  
to ISEC for its  
**spacious**  
facilities.



“The mix of technical learning and artistic expression is important to me. But I probably wouldn’t say that the two are **equally funded** here.”



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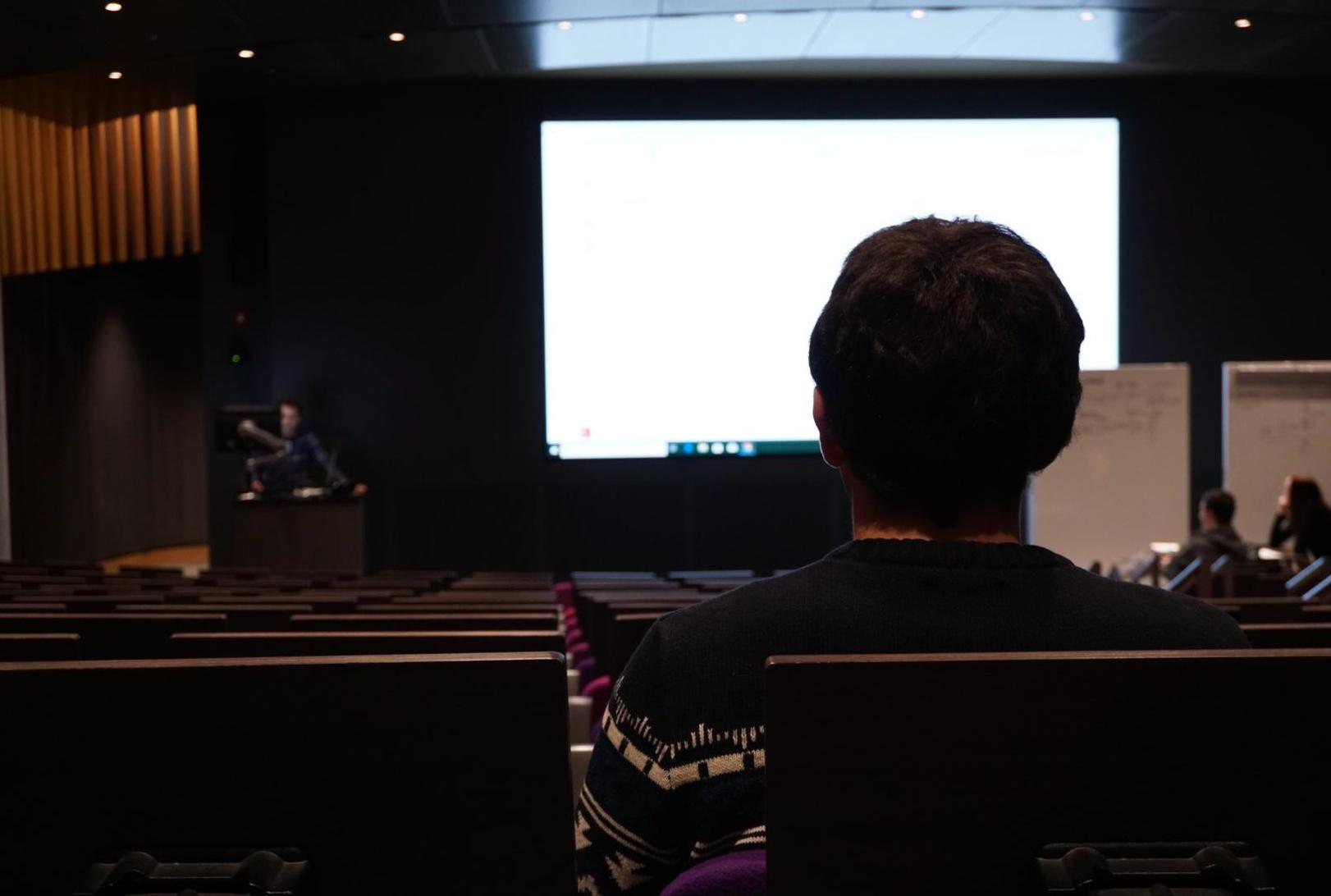
The first floor holds a **coffee/tea bar** where students can relax and grab a refreshing drink.



ISEC features **fully-functional kitchens** on each floor, eliminating the need for students to interrupt their work by leaving the building to eat.



CJ often meets classmates at ISEC to work on **group projects** in the open spaces.



His group utilizes the auditorium's features for their work, including a **massive computer display** and **professional audio equipment.**



Office hours for CJ's computer science class are held in an ISEC classroom, which offers **touch-screen monitors.**



This spiral staircase, which cost around **\$7 million** to construct, is usually filled with students hurrying to class.



When ISEC gets too crowded, CJ goes to **Ryder Hall**, the home of many Northeastern art classes.

UNITED DRUG COMPANY  
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Constructed in 1913, the building was formerly a research and development lab for the **United Drug Company.**



“Ryder is usually a lot **quieter** than ISEC. I don’t think a lot of people come here to do homework.”

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STUDIES  
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WORKROOM

This is a faculty workroom  
Students are not allowed inside  
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It's a bit more  
**rustic**  
than the  
engineering  
buildings...



...or, rather,  
rusting.



Ryder has seen many renovations in its years, but these costs amount to less than **\$100 million.**



Classrooms  
feature  
plastic desks,  
old-school  
blackboards,  
and a  
projector.



“It’s just **frustrating** to see how the university gives **advantages** to certain majors.”



Who's to say that one **dream** is more significant than another?