

The following points were observed during the tour of the Arsenal

Book storage

- Many bookshelves have been installed in the rooms (at the expense of paintings and decorations).
- There are also many bookcases in the corridors. On the right-hand side of the building, bookcases have been placed in the corridor that can be assigned to an employee or employees via the secretary's office. These bookcases are used to store books but can also be used as archives for degree programmes or to store other folders.

Offices

- Everyone is positive about the name signs with magnets for the offices.
- There are single, double and four-person rooms. Most of the offices are around 14m² or 28 m².
- The single rooms have a small meeting space. The other rooms have an additional chair so that people who drop by for a brief discussion have somewhere to sit.
- Agreements have been made about the film applied to the windows on the corridor side; sometimes it is difficult to see if a colleague is actually in the room.
- Offices are very soundproof, to the extent that you sometimes cannot hear colleagues knock on the door.
- In consultation with a number of colleagues, agreements have been made about who can use the offices. Thanks to the Salto locks, it is possible to make agreements regarding who can access the office and who can use the office when the usual occupant is absent. This means that you can use each other's offices for (TEAMS) meetings or to concentrate on your work.
- Meeting students spontaneously seems to be more difficult in a shared room. Online meetings are currently used more frequently.
- One consequence of sharing a room is that one or the other often chooses to work from home.
- Some rooms in the Arsenal have a poor Wi-Fi connection, so sometimes a colleague will move to a room where the signal is stronger. (Comment from the project group: laptops connected to a docking station have a wired Internet connection.)
- In the office, fixed power sockets are located in hard-to-find places, or there are too few power sockets.
- PhD students share a four-person office but are never actually all there at the same time. They plan moments to have a chat and have coffee breaks, and they agree on when everyone should be quiet and get back to work. That works very well.
- If one of the PhD students has a Zoom or Teams meeting, they go and sit in a smaller room on their own.
- The 'cubicles' where study advisers receive students are not yet satisfactory. The space feels small and there is too little privacy. A solution is still being sought for this.
- The staff at the secretary's office have a mobile desk and a sliding glass partition, so that they can focus on their work outside opening hours, and it is obvious and welcoming when they are open.

- Most colleagues are fairly positive about the work environment.

Classrooms/Meeting areas

- The two teaching rooms are active learning classrooms. The tables can be rotated to create different configurations.
- The study lounge has been very popular since the building opened.
- The Research Master's room needs to be better publicised. Students are yet to return after the coronavirus pandemic. This space has additional square metres and falls outside the workplace norm.
- The study associations are happy with their space and their location in the building.
- A hybrid meeting room that is officially for five people is not very spacious. It is more suitable for four people.
- The meeting rooms can be booked via Outlook and are available to the entire Faculty. This does not pose any problems in terms of overoccupancy.
- The meeting rooms are rarely used for meetings with students. It is inconvenient to make an appointment with a student and then also have to reserve a meeting room. People tend to use their own office if they know that their colleague will not be there that day.
- Experience shows that small meeting rooms are handy for PhD students to have their Zoom meetings.

Common room

- The common (lunch) room facilitates encounters with colleagues and relaxation between tasks. The room is well equipped with a cooker, fridge and a table tennis table. It is a welcoming space where people enjoy taking a break.

Sustainability

- The wood used for the stairs comes from the building itself and is therefore recycled.
- Fun fact: The tables in the common room and the meeting room on the ground floor are made from military jackets – very sustainable!
- Solar panels: there are now 170 panels on the roof of the Arsenaal, with a maximum capacity of 62,900 Wp. The panels are expected to generate 50,320 kwh per year.
- When Cluster Zuid is commissioned, the Arsenaal will be connected to the thermal energy storage system; the boreholes have already been drilled in the squares of Cluster Noord and Zuid.

Corridors, lactation rooms and mailboxes

- The mailboxes in the Arsenaal are not easy to find, especially for students.

- The doors (and corridors) should also be easily accessible for students, so that they can find their lecturers.
- The lactation room is a very pleasant space; it is well equipped with a folding chair, a washbasin and a refrigerator and has a door with a lock.