



ACOUSTIC CURTAINS

Creating Quieter, More Focused Learning Spaces at City College of New York with Acoustic Curtains

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At the City College of New York, maintaining a productive learning environment means managing noise from adjacent classrooms, hallways, and shared academic spaces. With lectures, group discussions, and collaborative activities happening simultaneously, sound easily traveled between areas, affecting speech clarity and student focus.

To address these challenges, City College partnered with All Noise Control to install the ANC-17 Acoustic Curtain system. Decorative soundproof curtains were strategically placed to create quiet zones while preserving the open, welcoming feel of the campus. These acoustic curtains acted as a flexible sound isolation curtain solution that reduced noise transmission without blocking airflow or visibility.

The addition of sound absorbing curtains helped control reverberation and background noise. As a result, classrooms feel calmer, speech intelligibility has improved, and students and faculty benefit from a more comfortable, focused academic environment—all without permanent construction.