furniture design studio

Project:
This studio will draw inspiration from preliminary materials and fabrication exercises along with objects on display at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art (JSMA) here on Campus. Resulting designs will be on display at the JSMA and be featured as part of a monograph of the studio work.

Each student will design and fabricate a full-scale working prototype that is unique but that also responds to the demands of the human body and the materials/methods used in fabrication. The resulting furniture element should be designed so that small-scale or large scale production would be possible.

Objectives:
The furniture design studio is a compelling lesson in how design impacts materials and fabrication and visa-a-versa. The dual focus on design and fabrication will be carried throughout the 10-week time as design decisions are tested in a series of prototypes. A particular goal for this furniture studio is to work together to explore contemporary solutions for age-old problems addressed by tables.

Method:
Cooperative spirit and willingness to work together in this studio is crucial. Students will be encouraged to work together where possible and appropriate in order to harness the power of serial production or to create pieces that share a common element or message. It is critical to take advantage of regularly scheduled studio meetings and evening “open shop” hours in order to complete their projects in a timely fashion.

Note:
Fall and Spring term Furniture Design Studios have spaces open for Architecture and Product Design students on a space available basis (winter term does not). Please keep this in mind during your preferencing.