



# **UNDERSTANDING LIGHTING**

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#### Increasing interest in...

#### Health



#### Safety



#### Security







#### Increasing interest in...

**Sales** 





#### Independence



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### Increasing interest in...

#### **Entertainment**



#### **Sustainability**





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- Lighting accounts for about 22% of the total energy use in the U.S.
- Demand for energy keeps increasing



#### Source: U.S. DOE

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# **Effective, Energy-Efficient Lighting**

- Considers:
  - The needs of people using the space
  - Visibility, visual comfort, and safety
  - Architectural characteristics
  - Economics
  - Environmental concerns





Lighting

Research Center

at **Rensselaer** 

# In addition, businesses want...

- Reasonable return on investment
- Easy to install, operate and maintain
- Substantiated proof of product claims
- Fully developed & tested products



 Successful demonstration of the technology elsewhere













# Illuminance

- Lumens (Im) per unit area
- Unit:
  - Lux (lx)
    - lumens/meter<sup>2</sup>
  - Footcandle (fc)
    - lumens/foot<sup>2</sup>













Glare



Direct glare from windows and luminaires

Reflected glare on the computer screen from ceiling luminaires

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## **Light Distribution**





#### Direct: 90-100% downward

Semi-indirect: 10-40% downward; 60-90% upward

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### **Light Distribution**

Indirect lighting: 90-100% upward

General diffuse: 40-60% downward; 40-60% upward































## Luminance



- Light reflected from a surface in a given direction (back towards the eyes) When we see an object, we see luminance
  - Unit: <u>Candelas (cd)</u> meter<sup>2</sup>





### **Luminance of Room Surfaces**







# Reflectance

 Percentage of light reflected back from a surface, the difference having been absorbed or transmitted by the surface



Room Surface	Reflectance Value
white acoustic-tiled ceilings	70 to 80%
light-colored walls	40 to 60%
carpeting	15 to 30%





#### **Enhanced Brightness**

- Light the walls
- Hide the source













# **Correlated Color Temperature – CCT**

- Color appearance of a lamp measured in Kelvin (K)
- The CCT rating for a lamp is a measure of warmth or coolness of its appearance
  - Below 3200 K warm (yellowishwhite)
  - Between 3200 and 4000 K neutral
  - Above 4000 K cool (bluish-white)





CRI = 90



CRI = 70



CRI = 50

# **Color Rendering Index – CRI**

• Light sources differ in their ability to render the color of objects "correctly"



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# **Light Pollution**

- Sky glow
- Light trespass
- Glare



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# Intensity (Candlepower)

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- Light emitted by a source in a specific direction
- Property of the source, it remains the same regardless of distance
- Many intensities depending on the direction
- Provided in photometric reports
- Unit: candela (cd)









Lamp efficacy

total luminous flux (lm) total lamp power input (W)





### Luminaire Efficiency

 Percentage of initial lamp lumens that are ultimately emitted by the luminaire



#### Efficiency = Lumens emitted by a luminaire Lumens emitted by the lamp(s)





# **Average Rated Life**

• The number of operating hours when 50% of a large group of lamps have failed when operated at nominal lamp and voltage current



Number of hours per start:

- Incandescent minimum impact
- Fluorescent 3 hours per start
- HID 11 hours per start



#### **Energy = Power × Time**







#### Thank you.

