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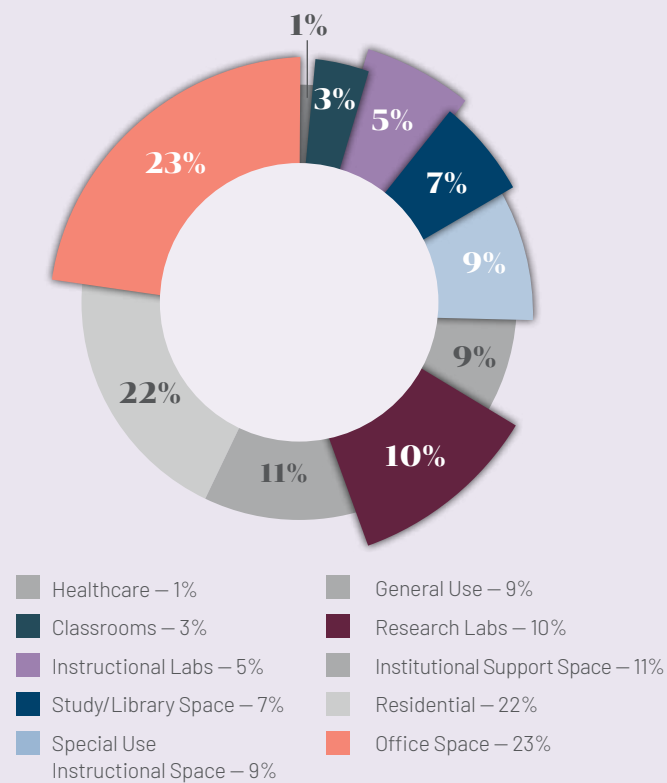# Ready for What's Next:
Rethinking Learning Spaces

A Student-Centered And Future-Focused Approach

As higher education faces unprecedented change in response to current events, the impact of space on the learning process becomes even more paramount now than ever before. By applying a future-focused approach to space planning and product design, Safco helps learning institutions transform their environments into inspiring spaces that are flexible enough to serve evolving styles of instruction, learning, and interaction. Our comprehensive collection of products addresses the needs of today and tomorrow so that campuses can help their faculty and students achieve their goals.

Futureproofing Spaces for Higher Education

The world of higher education is dramatically changing, and the spaces which support its various forms of learning must adapt in response. While the impact of a global pandemic, a faltering economy, and new pedagogies are predicted to be far-reaching in both the near-term and long-term, the keys to success for any institution will be its ability to innovate quickly, embrace new models for instruction, and fully understand its student body and their diverse needs.
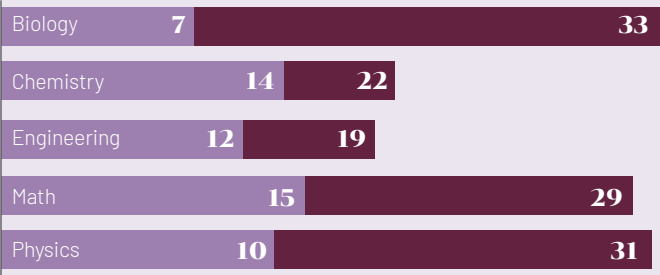
HOW HIGHER EDUCATION SPACE GETS ALLOCATED

1%
3%
5%
7%
9%
9%
10%
11%
22%
23%

- ■ Healthcare — 1%
- ■ Classrooms — 3%
- ■ Instructional Labs — 5%
- ■ Study/Library Space — 7%
- ■ Special Use Instructional Space — 9%
- ■ General Use — 9%
- ■ Research Labs — 10%
- ■ Institutional Support Space — 11%
- ■ Residential — 22%
- ■ Office Space — 23%

A HANDS-ON APPROACH

While it has become clear that the use of technology and digital learning will become even more prevalent in higher education moving forward, the role of the physical campus remains as critically relevant as ever before. Research has shown that students thrive through the live interaction and connectedness they experience with fellow students. And it is through these social relationships, combined with more active, hands-on learning approaches, that they are able to gain the skills necessary for 21st-century work.
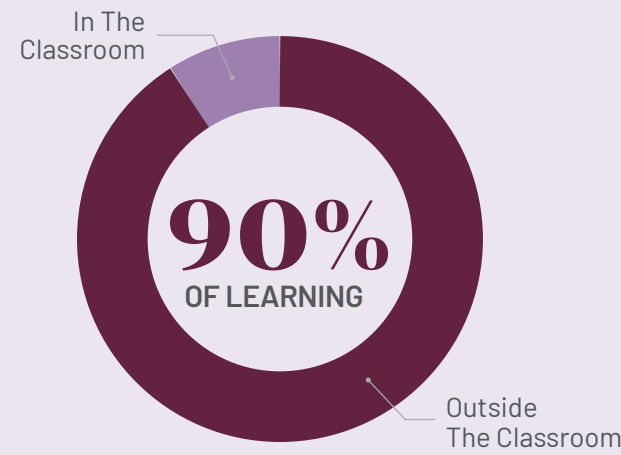
1.5x Increased Knowledge Retention Rate

	Traditional	Active
Biology	7	33
Chemistry	14	22
Engineering	12	19
Math	15	29
Physics	10	31

■ Traditional Learning Performance   ■ Active Learning Performance

UP TO 90% OF LEARNING HAPPENS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

In The Classroom

90% OF LEARNING

Outside The Classroom

As college campuses implement a de-densified approach to ensure overall health and safety, it is still essential that spaces be designed with the purpose of fully engaging students, faculty, and staff. Because learning can and does happen everywhere, current and future planning considerations must support the combination of formal learning spaces, informal common areas, and virtual opportunities as an integrated and holistic educational experience. Enabling spaces to be more flexible and adaptive to rapidly changing needs will allow higher learning institutions to respond to the future—no matter what happens.

Student engagement is directly linked to academic achievement.

Gallup, October 2019

Makerspaces

The role of learning institutions is to help students become creative thinkers and problem-solvers so they can be prepared for real-world working experiences. Makerspaces help achieve those goals by fostering invention, exploration, and creation. TechWorks® supports makerspaces with durable, flexible, and mobile solutions that empower students to tinker, design, and experiment. Movable whiteboard screens and rolling storage carts keep ideas—and tools—easily accessible.

APPLIED LEARNING

Learning Labs

Applied learning not only results in a deeper understanding of the subject matter, but it also makes learning more relevant. Hands-on experimentation and research conducted in clinical practicums and labs are essential to fulfilling STEM and biomedical program graduation requirements. TechWorks offers a complete and adaptable system for learning labs that's highly-adjustable and cleanable to withstand vigorous use. Mobile tables, seating, and whiteboard screens allow spaces to be easily reconfigured for evolving needs.

Students learn more when taking part in classrooms that employ active-learning strategies.

Harvard Study, September 2019

ACTIVE LEARNING

Flexible Classrooms

Because of the diversity of subject matter, teaching methods, and learning styles that co-exist within higher education, it's clear that a one-size-fits-all approach to space is not optimal. To fully engage students in active learning, classrooms need to become flexible spaces that can change at a moment's notice to support students' interaction with instructors, technology, and with each other. The use of movable seating, reconfigurable tables, and mobile display units can play a significant role in enhancing student motivation and learning outcomes.

Group Engagement

Working together on group projects allows students to engage more deeply with course content and builds invaluable social skills in preparation for the workplace where teamwork and collaboration are vital to success. Comfortable, durable furniture that supports small group interactions and idea-sharing facilitates productivity, creativity, and connectedness.

Individual Study

While collaboration and connectivity are essential to today's learning, independent study and focus are still vitally important. Offering spaces that minimize distractions support students' needs for performing individual academic work and self-directed learning. Creating zones with comfortable seating, ample worksurface space, and power access for charging devices provides the optimal conditions for independent study.

66% of students prefer a quiet space to study.

Gensler Design Forecast, 2019

Communal Study

Studying in groups helps students stay motivated and enhances their learning experience by providing exposure to others' unique insights and perspectives. Providing designated collaborative group spaces within libraries or other high-traffic areas are ideal for facilitating the informal learning that occurs with fellow students outside the classroom. Incorporate comfortable seating and durable furniture made with high-performance materials to allow frequent, around-the-clock use, and increased cleaning protocols.

Academic performance can depend upon good social integration skills.

J. McCabe, Dartmouth College Researcher, Connecting in College, 2016

Social Cafés

Social cafés have evolved into the most multi-purpose areas on campus. Used equally for nourishment, relaxation, social interaction, group learning, and independent study, these areas are vital for students to form connections and extend informal learning. Spaces should provide ample surfaces and different types of seating to allow for choice in a variety of postures. Standing and stool heights accommodate the short-term interactions associated with chance encounters while seated and lounge heights encourage deeper engagement.

Sticky Spaces

Students are attracted by the sense of community and vibrancy that comes with "sticky" spaces—centralized, open hubs that provide a balance of private nooks for individual focus and casual public areas for informal collaboration. Offering a mix of seating styles and heights, along with mobile whiteboards that can be used for idea sharing or to establish privacy, empowers students to create their own learning and social zones in ways that make them more productive and connected.

Administration

The essential role that higher-education administrators and staff play in the operations and growth of the institution and the overall experiences of students require a variety of solutions that support diverse work needs. Mirella™ furniture offers countless layouts to facilitate individual and collaborative activities throughout a space, while Resi™ provides multi-functional storage configurations that invite interaction or offer privacy.

Only 34% of university faculty and staff are engaged in their jobs.

Gallup, Inside Higher Ed, 2015

FACULTY SPACES

Offices

High-performing faculty spaces need to be designed for flexibility to accommodate a variety of work styles. In addition to supporting concentration, reflection, collaboration, and knowledge sharing between peers, faculty spaces need to be inviting to facilitate productive student interactions. Providing a blend of comfortable private offices and shared group areas can help boost engagement for faculty who need to work alone, together, and with their students outside of class.

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Scoot™ Book Cart

Safco® Laptop Cart

Resi® Pedestal

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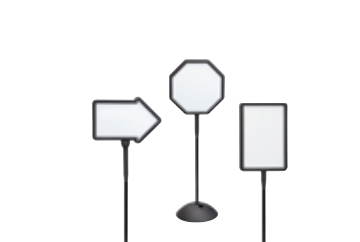**Rumba™** Whiteboard

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