

SPACE CAPACITY

To determine space capacity requirements for a college, the enrollment and program forecasts are applied to a set of standards for each type of space. Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, prescribes standards for the utilization and planning of educational spaces on public community college campuses. These standards, when applied to the total number of students, or weekly student contact hours (WSCH), produce total capacity requirements that are expressed in assignable square feet (space available for assignment to occupants).

The ASF of a building is the total square footage of the building that is, or could be, assigned to an occupant. The gross square footage (GSF) of a building includes all areas within the outside faces of exterior walls, including circulation, stairs, elevators, restrooms, and building systems.

The Title 5 space standards used to determine future capacity requirements are listed in the table to the right. Each component of these standards is applied with an appropriate form of enrollment to produce a total assignable square feet (ASF) capacity requirement for each category of space. The sum of these categories represents the total ASF building requirements for the College.

PRESCRIBED SPACE STANDARDS

CATEGORY	FORMULA	RATES
Classrooms	ASF / Student Station	20
	Station Utilization Rate	66%
	Average hours room/week	53
Labs	ASF / Student Station*	
	Station Utilization Rate	85%
	Average hours room / week	27.5
Offices / Conference	ASF per FTEF	175
Library / LRC	Base ASF Allowance	3,795
	ASF / 1st 3,000 DGE	3.83
	ASF / 3,001-9,000 DGE	3.39
	ASF / > 9,000 DGE	2.94
Instructional Media	Base ASF Allowance	3,500
	ASF / 1st 3,000 DGE	1.50
	ASF / 3,001-9,000 DGE	0.75
	ASF / > 9,000 DGE	0.25

* Varies per discipline

Source: Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, Policy on Utilization and Space Standards, September 2010.