

California State University Dominguez Hills

Space Optimization and Migration Plan for Displaced User Groups

Carson, California



Project Information

Completion Date
In Progress

Services Provided
Housing/Student Life
Instructional Space Utilization
Master Plan/Optimization
Space Program

California State University Dominguez Hills is in a period of growth while simultaneously the campus footprint is temporarily shrinking by five percent to accommodate the construction of two new buildings.

California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) is one of five Cal State institutions within the Los Angeles basin occupying 550,000 assignable square feet (excluding housing) and supporting 12,000 FTE. The campus, developed in the 1960s, sits on 360 acres. CSUDH graduates more minority students than any other state school in California and has a population including many first-generation students.

Rickes Associates was brought on as a trusted advisor to guide the campus through a complex series of decisions. Using an instructional space utilization analysis as a driver, Rickes Associates quantified the campus's capability to function with 18 fewer classrooms in the near-term, while also developing detailed migration and space alignment recommendations.

Migration recommendations include the development of a Student Success Hub, which collocates previously isolated units of similar student-facing groups in the heart of campus. Strategies to permit academic unit growth and eliminate fragmentation across campus were also identified.

Our analysis quantified the current and projected need for space of each for the five academic colleges resulting in a campus-wide migration strategy whether through right-sizing, re-purposing, or relocation of space. This project is currently nearing completion.