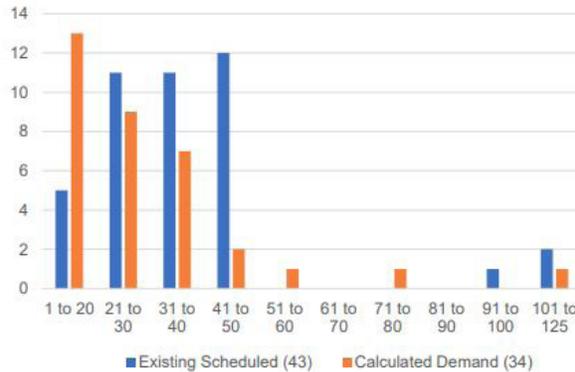


SUNY Purchase College

Space Program for Renovation of Natural Science Building

Purchase, New York

Campus-Wide Distribution of Current Classrooms vs. Current Demand



Project Information

Completion Date
August 2021

Services Provided
Instructional Space Utilization Analysis
Space Program

Rickes Associates was engaged to assess formal utilization of classrooms and teaching labs in support of developing a program for the renovation of SUNY Purchase's Natural Science Building.

One of the State University of New York's 13 comprehensive colleges, SUNY Purchase currently enrolls approximately 4,200 students at its campus in Westchester County. Best known for excellence in visual and performing arts, the College also has a variety of highly-regarded science offerings, including courses in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Studies, Psychology, and New Media Studies. Currently, these disciplines are all housed in the Natural Science Building, a facility containing roughly 59,000 ASF that was originally designed by architect Paul Rudolph.

To support the development of a space program for the renovation of the Natural Science Building, Rickes Associates (RA) performed a detailed utilization analysis of classrooms and teaching labs in the building. As a complement to this work, RA also reviewed demand for classrooms across the SUNY Purchase campus to understand how the renovation of the building could support campus-wide needs for classroom space. Overall, six appropriately-sized and configured classroom spaces were proposed for the Natural Science Building, along with 10 teaching labs distributed among the building's various disciplines.