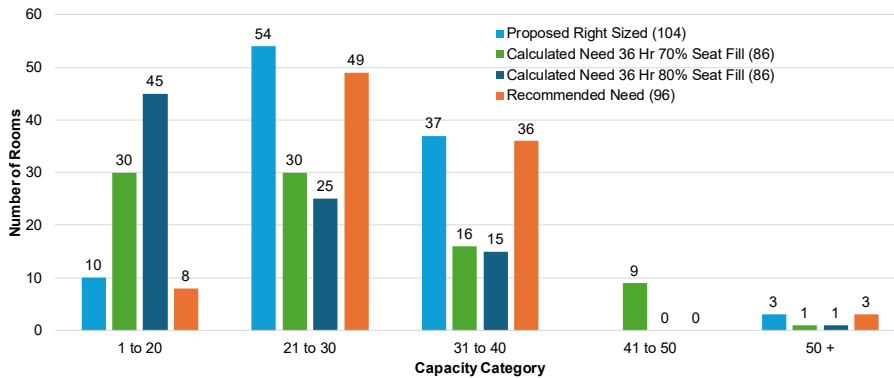


Bridgewater State University

Master Plan Update

Bridgewater, Massachusetts

General-Purpose Classroom Needs



Project Information

Completion Dates

October 2024

Services Provided

Instructional Space Utilization

Master Plan Space Modeling

Space Inventories

As part of a team updating the master plan, Rickes Associates conducted an instructional space utilization analysis of the main campus of Bridgewater State University.

Bridgewater State University is one of nine comprehensive state universities in the Massachusetts public Higher Education system. The school, located in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, serves just under 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Rickes Associates was retained to conduct a space utilization analysis of the main campus, which comprises over 750,000 ASF, as part of a Master Plan update. An instructional analysis found that the classroom inventory was sufficient to meet demand, but constrained scheduling, variation in room quality, and uneven distribution resulted in scheduling pinch points. Office needs were identified for fragmented colleges with geographically disparate departments. The need for student and event space, along with athletic space to support intercollegiate, intramural, and recreational activities, was noted.

Rickes Associates recommended strategic rightsizing and modernization of the classroom inventory to create a collection of classrooms aligned with instructional needs. To enhance collaboration and provide work and lounge space for students and faculty, college-based community spaces to support large and small groups, particularly within fragmented colleges, were recommended. Additional athletic and event space, with a focus on multi-functional use, was also proposed.