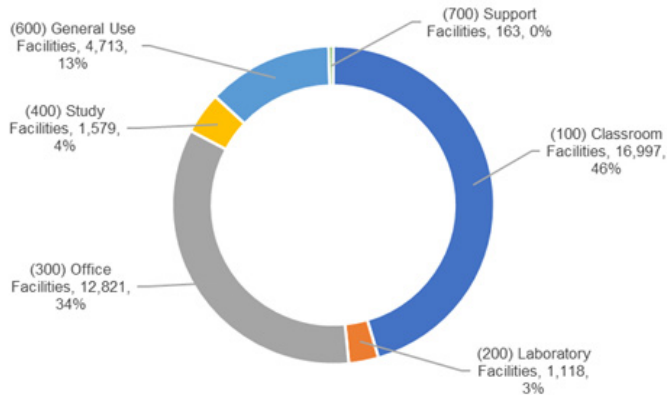


# Weber State University

## Goddard School of Business and Economics: Peer Institution Analysis and Space Assessment

Ogden, Utah

Distribution of Existing Space, Goddard School of Business and Economics



### Project Information

Completion Date  
May 2024

Services Provided  
Instructional Space Utilization  
Space Inventories/Benchmarking  
Space Optimization  
Space Programming

As part of a project team, Rickes Associates was asked to develop a space program for the Goddard School of Business and Economics at Weber State University.

One of seven colleges comprising Weber State University, the John B. Goddard School of Business and Economics was created in 1966, and currently enrolls roughly 1,000 primarily undergraduate students. The School is currently housed in the Wattis Building, dating from the early 1980s; its Masters of Business Administration program is accommodated offsite in the nearby city of Davis. As part of a broader project team, Rickes Associates (RA) was charged with developing a space program reflective of the School's needs as its enrollment grows and it plans for the future. The School consists of four academic departments, and is also home to multiple academic centers, focusing on entrepreneurship, inequality, taxation, and supply chain management.

In order to develop a space program for the Goddard School, RA collected key quantitative data sets, including personnel, enrollment, and course scheduling information, as well as the School's current space inventory information. These quantitative inputs were complemented through engagement with a selection of key stakeholders, with representation from each of the School's four departments, as well as students, staff, and the School's leadership. In addition, an instructional space demand analysis calculated classroom needs using contemporary space planning and utilization metrics.

Qualitative and quantitative findings from these efforts were used to develop a space program to meet needs for the next decade. Compared to a current total of roughly 38,000 ASF, a space program of just over 50,000 ASF was proposed. The program envisions a reinvigorated core of classrooms and offices, complemented by an array of social spaces to support the vibrant Goddard community.