



# Compton College

Student Residential Hall Study

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# BACKGROUND

A new study found that **thousands of community college students nationwide are homeless** or on the verge of homelessness.

It surveyed more than 30,000 students at 70 community colleges in 24 states and found that **13-14% of students are homeless and about half are housing insecure**, meaning they've missed rent payments or couch-surf from place to place.

**Two-thirds of community college students are food insecure**, meaning they lack the resources to properly feed themselves.

– [Wisconsin HOPE Lab, “Hungry and Homeless in College”](#)

# BACKGROUND

**1 in every 5 of the Los Angeles Community College District's 230,000 students is homeless, and nearly two-thirds can't afford to eat properly. – [LA Times](#)**

A survey of LACCD students' basic needs had similar findings.

– [Wisconsin HOPE Lab, “LACCD Report on Survey of Student Basic Needs”](#)

About 1 in 10 of California State University's 460,000 students is homeless, and 1 in 5 doesn't have steady access to enough food. – [CSU, “Serving Displaced and Food Insecure Students in the CSU”](#)

# BACKGROUND

Many community college students report issues with a stable place of living and transportation to and from campus. **Over 30% of men and women across all racial/ethnic groups reported struggling with stable places to live.** 52% of African American men and 44% of African American women reported struggling with this issue. – [CCEAL, “CCSM El Camino College Compton Center Report”](#)

	Men		
	Asian	African American	Latino
<b>Issues w/ Stable Place of Living</b>			
Yes	32.0%	52.0%	40.8%
No	68.0%	48.0%	59.2%
	<i>If yes, how stressful?</i>		
Not stressful	50.0%	42.3%	28.1%
Somewhat stressful	25.0%	26.9%	34.4%
Stressful	12.5%	23.1%	28.1%
Very stressful	12.5%	7.7%	9.4%

	Women		
	Asian	African American	Latino
<b>Issues w/ Stable Place of Living</b>			
Yes	33.3%	44.2%	41.4%
No	66.7%	55.8%	58.6%
	<i>If yes, how stressful?</i>		
Not stressful	37.5%	28.3%	36.7%
Somewhat stressful	37.5%	34.0%	28.9%
Stressful	25.0%	15.1%	20.3%
Very stressful		22.6%	14.1%

	Men		
	Asian	African American	Latino
<b>Issues w/ transportation to and from campus</b>			
Yes	20.0%	54.0%	39.5%
No	80.0%	46.0%	60.5%
	<i>If yes, how stressful?</i>		
Not stressful	20.0%	40.7%	24.2%
Somewhat stressful	60.0%	25.9%	35.5%
Stressful		18.5%	27.4%
Very stressful	20.0%	14.8%	12.9%

	Women		
	Asian	African American	Latino
<b>Issues w/ transportation to and from campus</b>			
Yes	33.3%	40.0%	41.7%
No	66.7%	60.0%	58.3%
	<i>If yes, how stressful?</i>		
Not stressful	37.5%	29.2%	25.6%
Somewhat stressful	62.5%	22.9%	38.8%
Stressful		25.0%	23.3%
Very stressful		22.9%	12.4%

# BACKGROUND

Residential Halls are a rite of passage for students at most four-year colleges. But community college students have largely missed out on that experience – until recently.

**About 25% of two-year colleges in the U.S. now offer on-campus housing**, according to data from the American Association of Community Colleges.

Between 2000 and 2010, 43 community colleges added new student housing, the association reports. And that figure continues to grow.  
– [U.S. News](#)

# BACKGROUND

The California Community Colleges System Chancellor's Office reports that **of the state's 112 campuses, 11 offer housing**. Student housing ranges from traditional on-campus residential halls with access to shared bathrooms on each floor to apartment-style buildings on or adjacent to campus grounds. Most all of these colleges are in rural locations. - [Classroom](#)

College	Campus
West Hills College Coalinga	Coalinga
College of the Redwoods	Eureka
Cerro Coso College – Mammoth Campus	Mammoth Lakes
Feather River College	Quincy
Shasta College	Redding
Reedley College	Reedley
Sierra College	Rocklin
Columbia College	Sonora
Lassen College	Susanville
Taft College	Taft
College of Siskiyous	Weed

# RE-ALIGNING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

**Gensler Research** conducted a two-year focus group studying colleges around the country to understand current and future trends relative to the student campus experience.

Areas of exploration included Residential Halls, Recreation, Technology and Dining, with particular focus on the creation of **Living-Learning Neighborhood Campus Network / Ecosystem**. Three key trends emerged...



**Community**

**Connection**

**Flexibility**

# TREND #1: AMENITIES ARE ABOUT COMMUNITY NOT COMFORT



## Our Findings:

- Not a race to compete with market-housing
- Re-prioritize college experience to include Academic Support & Integration
- Amenities strategically located
  - Indoor and outdoor spaces
  - High visibility
  - Easily accessible on Travel routes

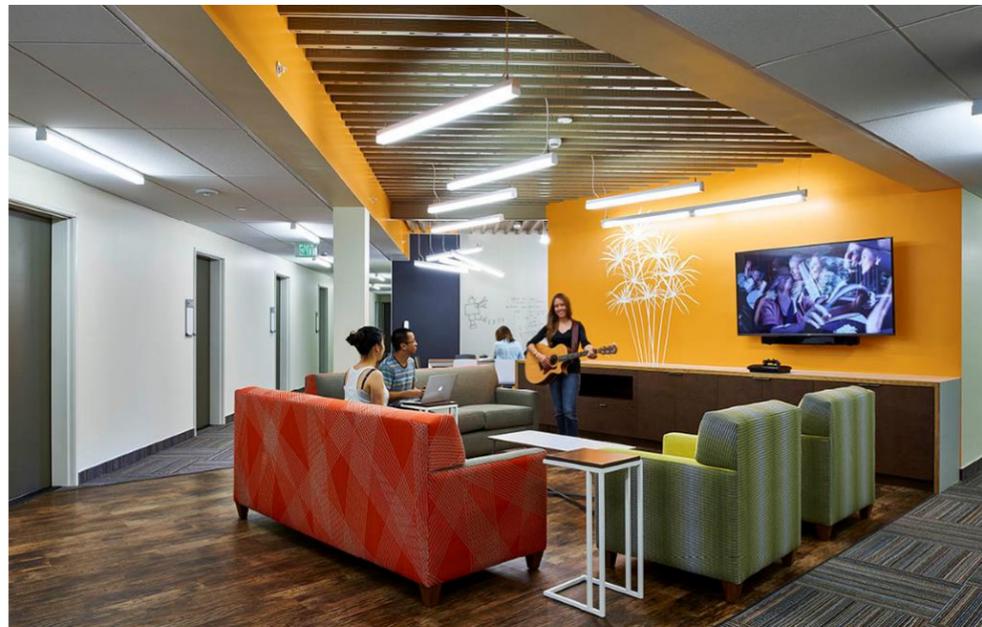


# TREND #2: VALUE INTERACTION OVER PRIVACY

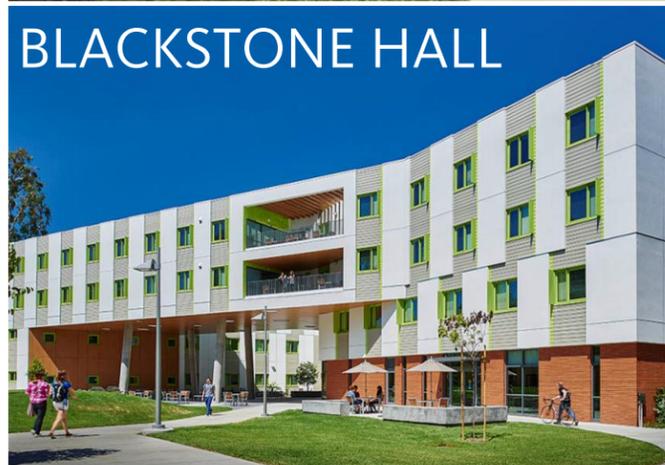


## Our Findings:

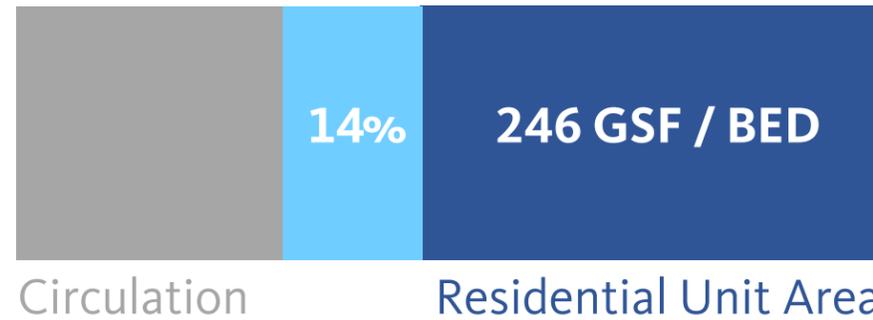
- Traditional Doubles/Triples
  - Improved Support Structure
  - Fewer Roommate Conflicts
- Shared facilities such as restrooms, kitchens & laundry, are opportunities to build life-long bonds
- Essence of building community at various scales



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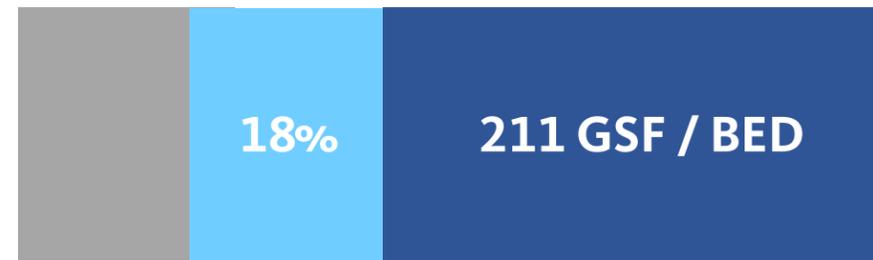


Common Area  
Min Interaction



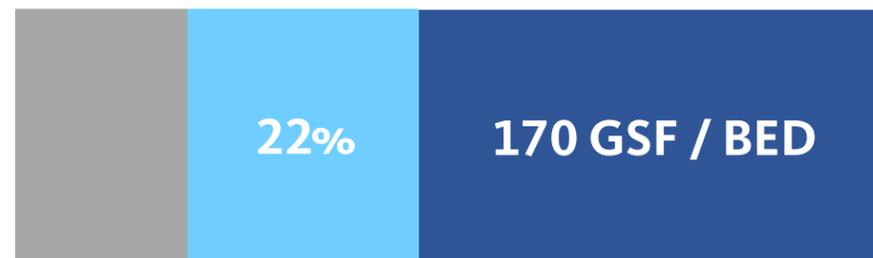
What Students are saying...

*“Students prefer The Oaks over the newer Vista La Verne, despite the ‘newer amenities’.*



*“I would give up my own bathroom at La Verne to live in Oaks because the experience of living here is so much more.”*

Common Area  
Max Interaction



*“I really love the social atmosphere. Even though the rooms are the smallest on-campus, it has great community.”*

# TREND #3: FLEXIBILITY + ADAPTABILITY

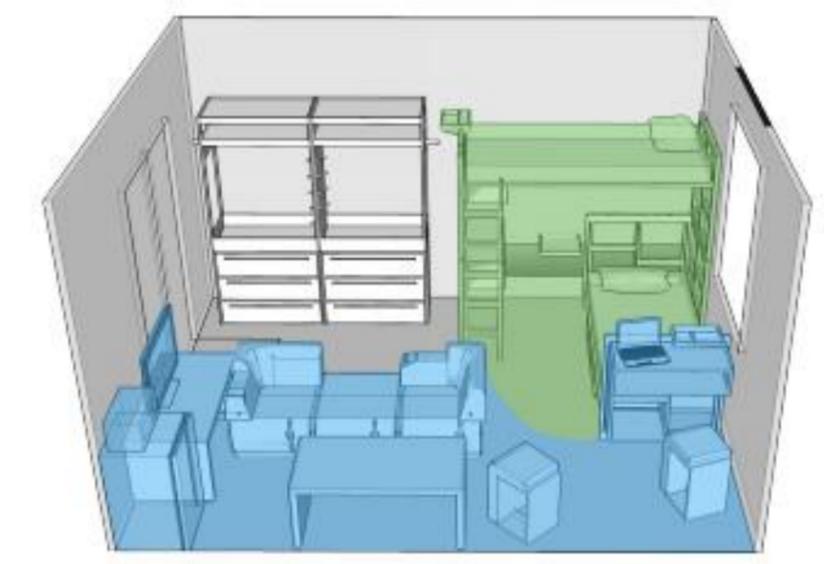
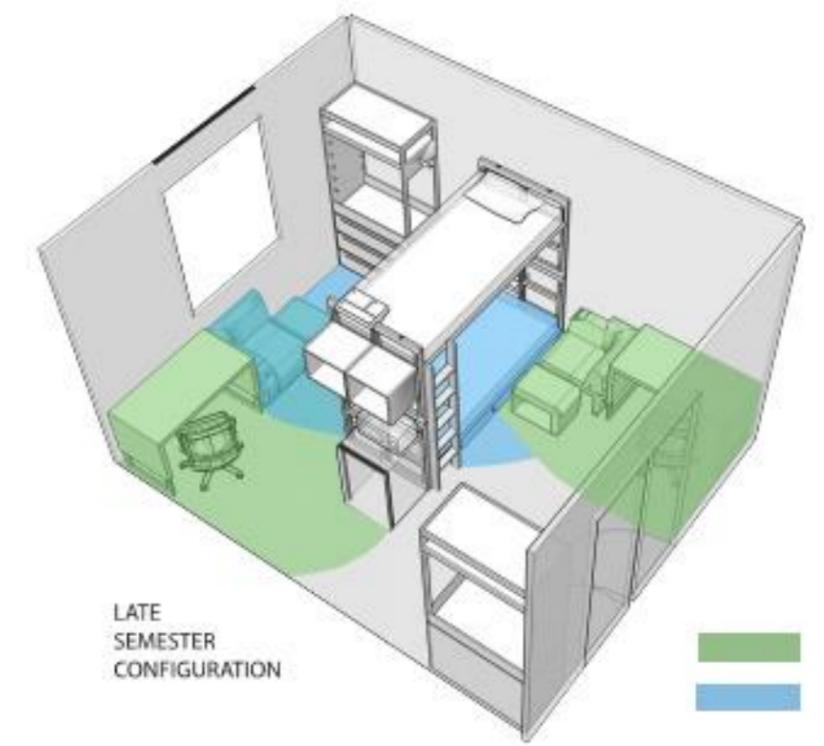
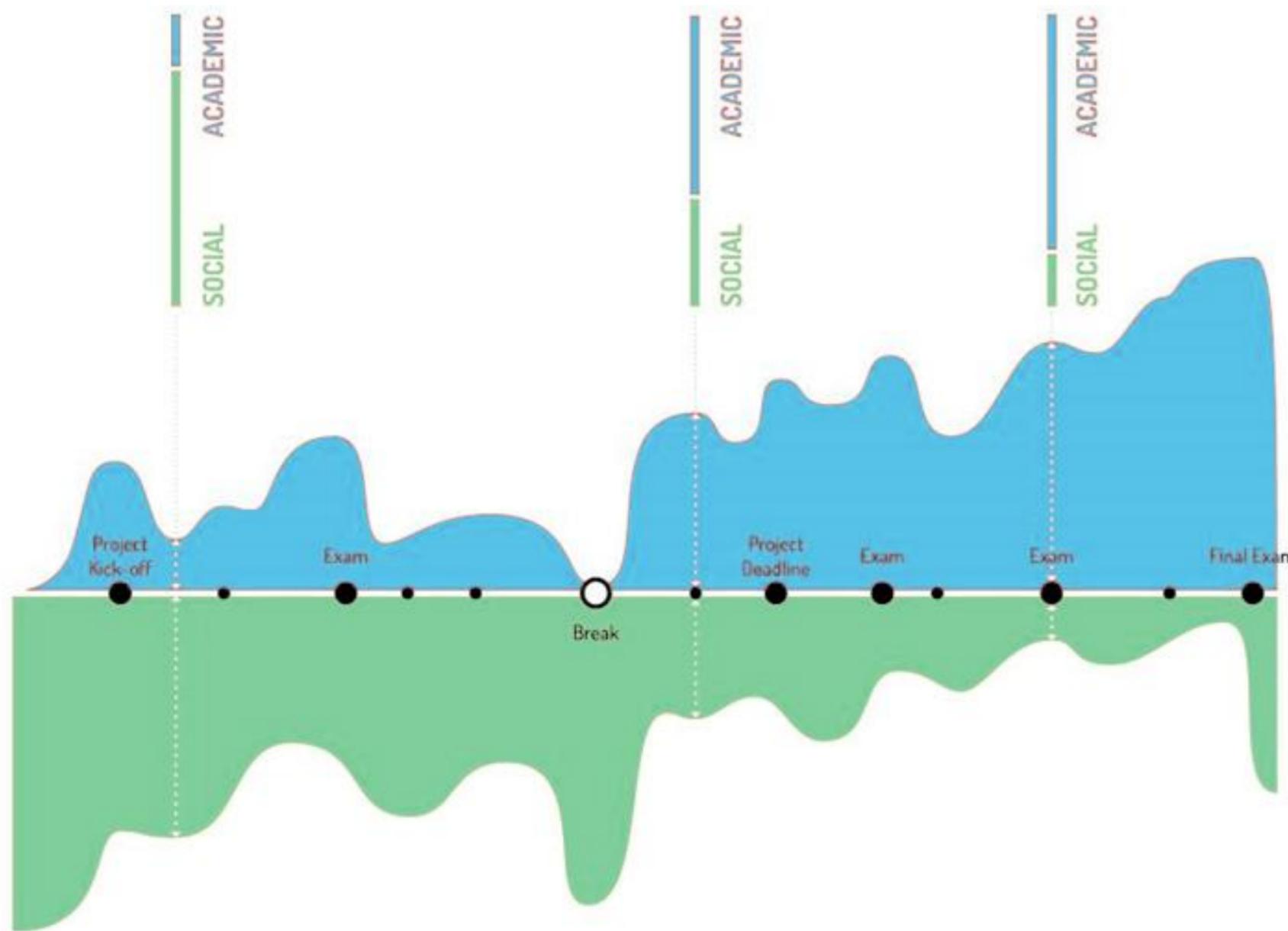


## Our Findings:

- Multi-Purpose spaces for changing needs
- Student 'ownership' = more use
- Ubiquitous technology
- Reconfigurable furniture
- Adaptable residential units

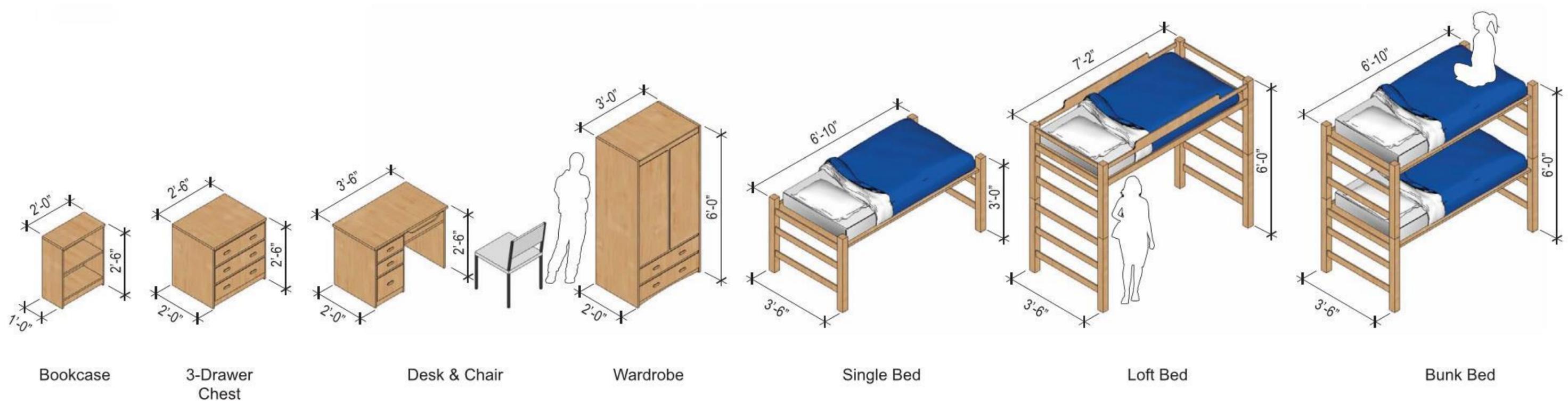


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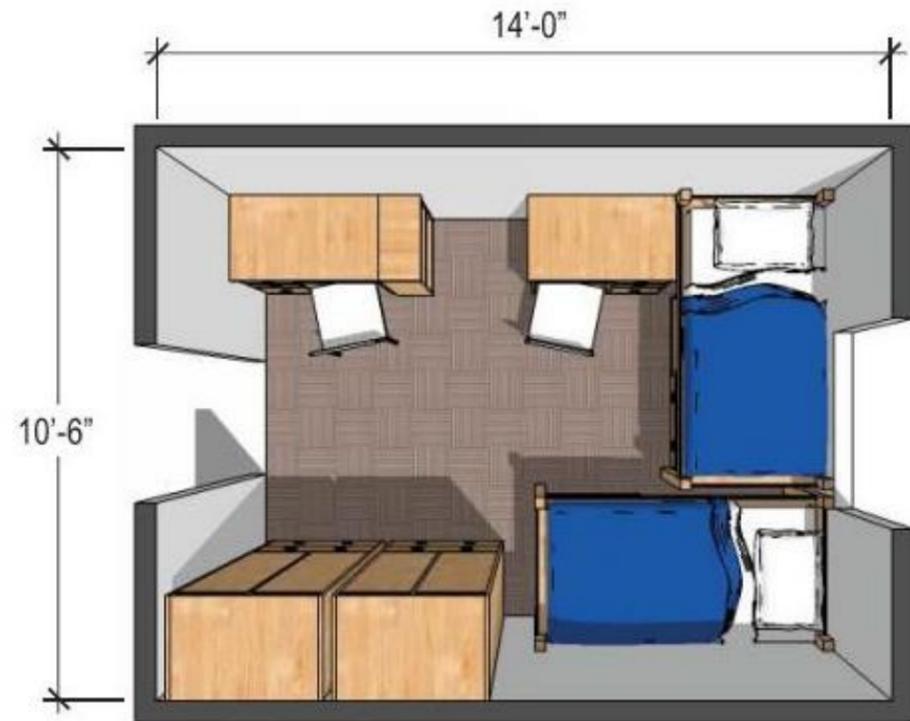


How do student's attitude & focus **shift throughout the semester?**

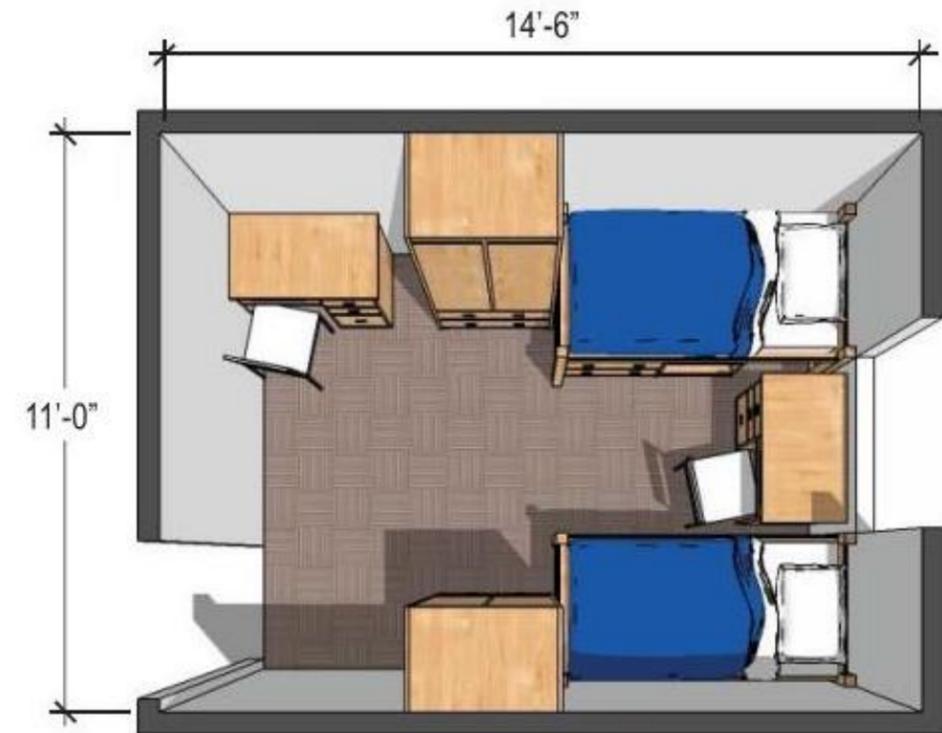
# FURNITURE ELEMENTS



# RESIDENTIAL UNIT SIZES

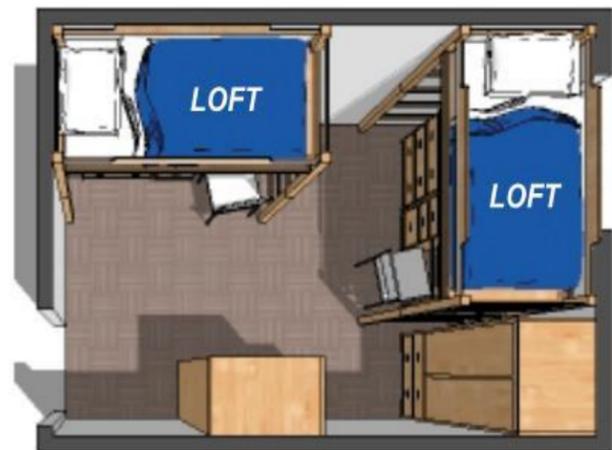
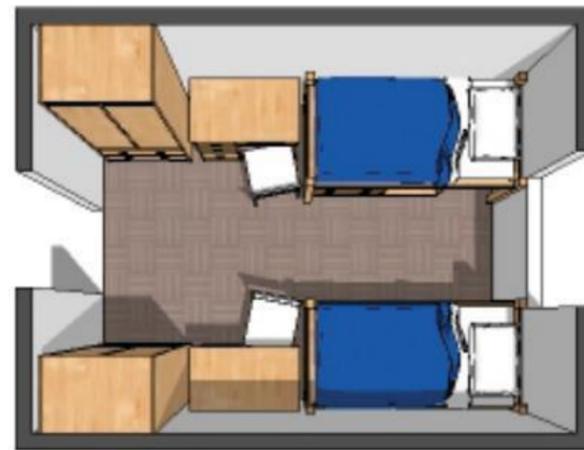
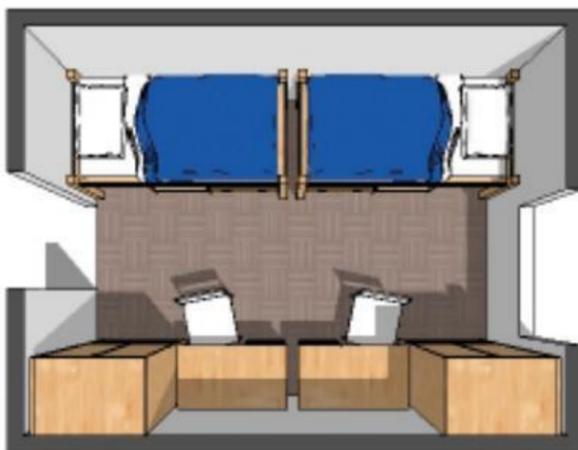
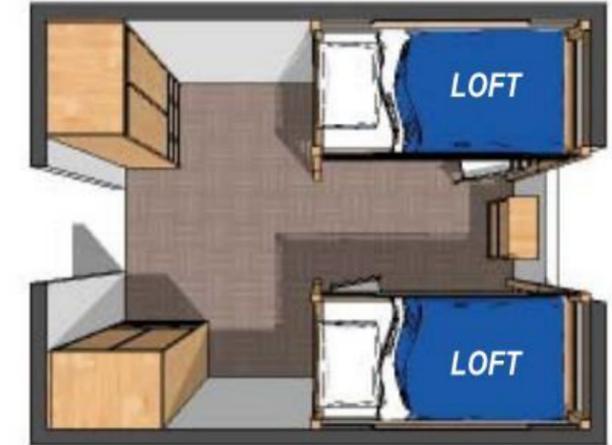


RECOMMENDED MINIMUM SIZE UNIT  
147 SF



SLIGHTLY LARGER UNIT  
160 SF

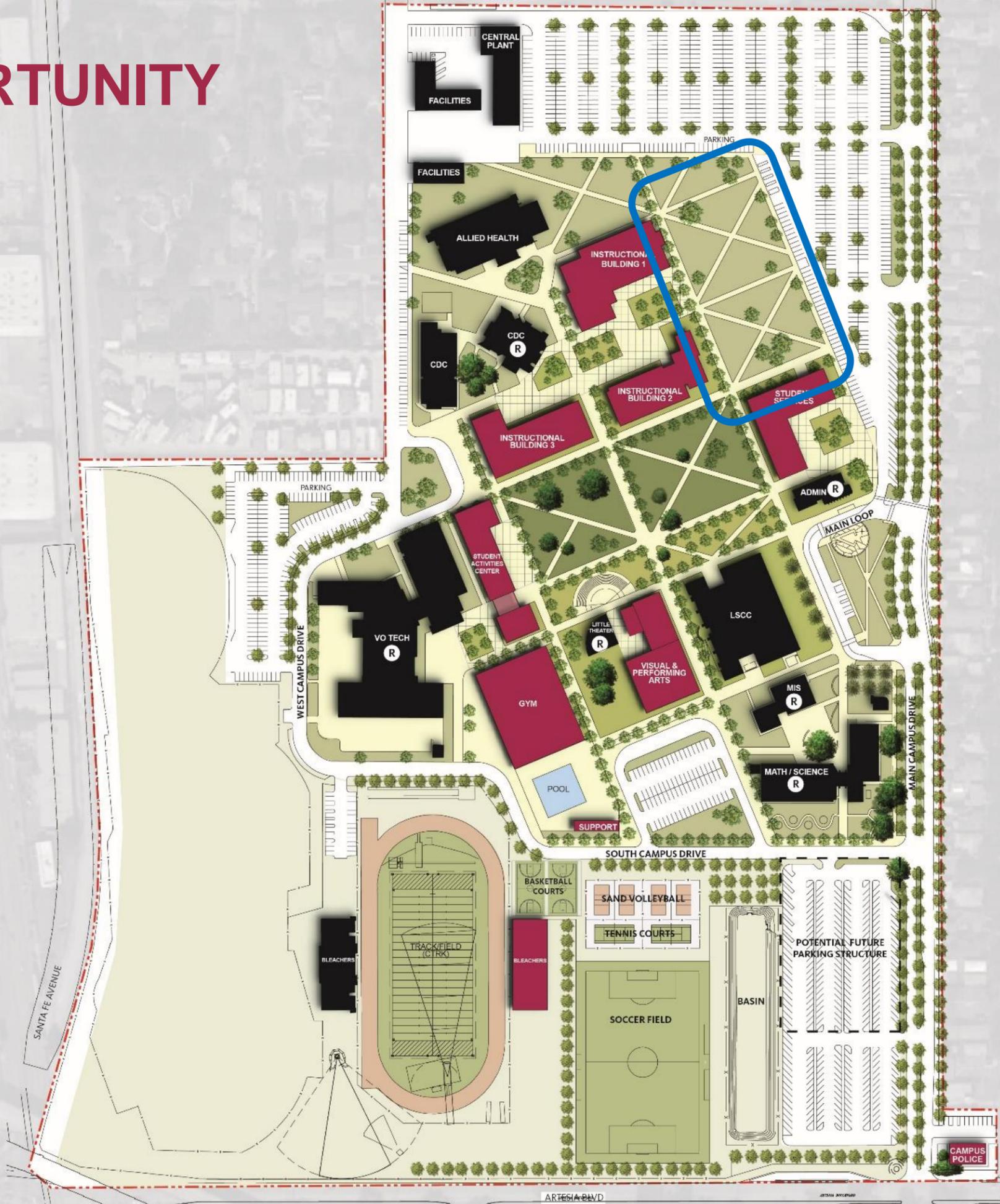
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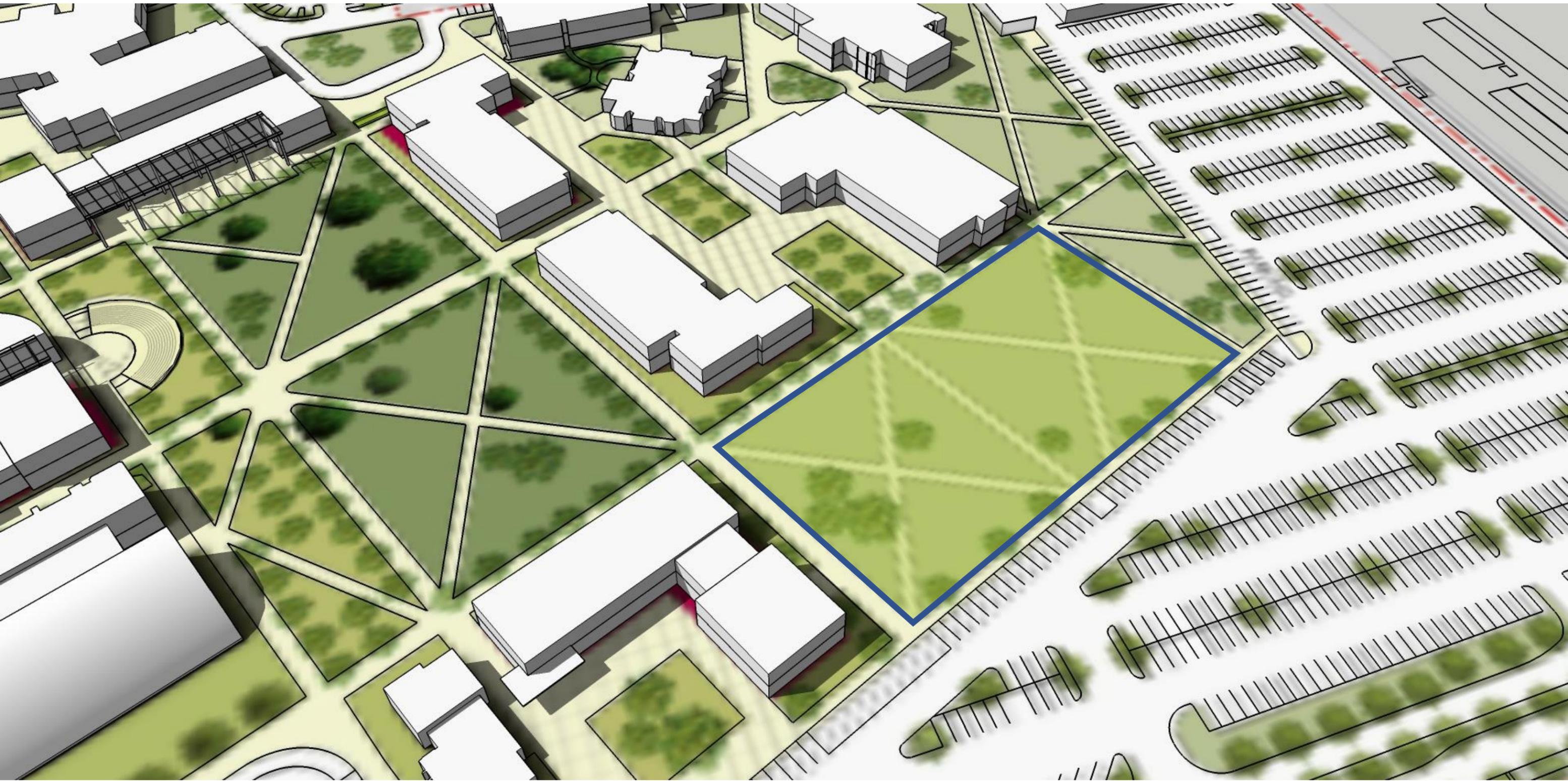
# OPPORTUNITY

## 2017 FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

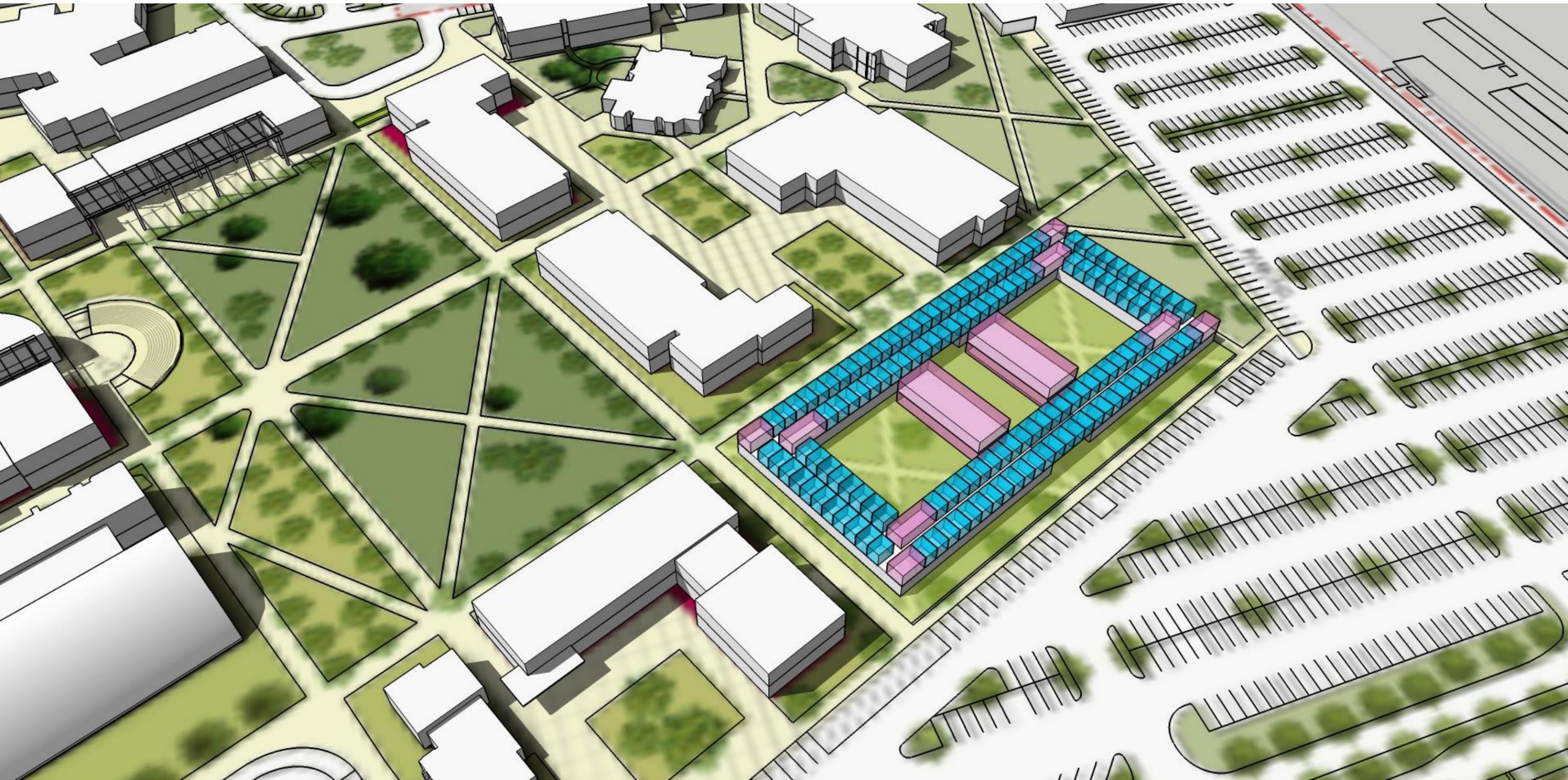
- EXISTING FACILITIES
- NEW CONSTRUCTION
- R RENOVATION



# OPPORTUNITY



# OPTION #1: 540 BEDS ON 2 LEVELS



# OPTION #2: 540 BEDS ON 2 LEVELS

