

X25 Has Become Our Best Planning Tool

“When you’re spending over a half a million dollars, you want to get it right!”



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Emory University
Emory College of Arts and Sciences
Atlanta, Georgia



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Products:

X25® Space Analysis & Benchmarking,
R25® Scheduling System, *Schedule25*® Bulk
Scheduling Optimizer, CollegeNET SIS-R25 Interface

Number of Students:

5,000 (43% of the Emory University student population)

The Motivation:

To justify their spending decisions and present them in a clear professional manner.

Why X25?

“X25 gives us the ability to go deeper into the numbers and know more about what we need to do to make the spaces work.”
– Nancy Bayly, Associate Director of Capital Projects

The Savings

Decisions about facility upgrades and new building construction are no longer made on an ad-hoc basis. With hard data at their fingertips, Emory College staff and faculty can be sure that the large amount of money spent on upgrading college classrooms - often half a million dollars or more per project - is being used to meet the real needs of the College community.

“The ability to justify our spending was our original reason for using X25, but now, in addition to that, we can feel better about presenting our decisions with X25’s clear reports.”

– Dwight Raby, Facilities Coordinator

The College offers 66 majors, 53 minors, 17 joint concentrations, and 10 interdepartmental programs. Emory College faculty participate in some 70 interdisciplinary research centers across campus, enabling its scholars to bridge traditional barriers among disciplines and work together to advance the frontiers of knowledge. Emory University is among the top 15 research universities in the US.

Problem

Every year, when the planning phase for facilities upgrades came around, Emory College staff had to determine whether existing rooms were the right size, had the features that faculty members wanted, contained the right type of furniture, and so on. In addition, classroom upgrades and building plans required that decisions be made up front about classroom sizes and other needed specifications. The only information College staff had on which to base their decisions was a list of complaints made to the registrar’s office by faculty and students unhappy with the current spaces used for events and classes.



Because the process depended on waiting until people were unhappy with facilities, this “reactive” method of assessing problems and determining solutions was far from ideal.

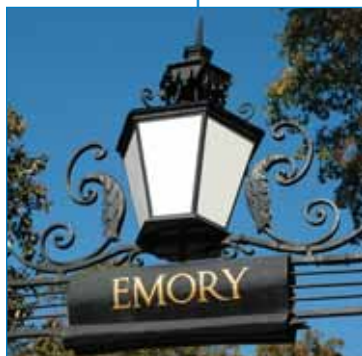
Solution

Using X25, Emory College was able to leverage their R25 scheduling data to analyze space features, utilization, and usage trends, all of which gave them the ability to make

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Emory College, Emory University’s undergraduate school of arts and sciences and the oldest of its colleges, was founded in 1836 in Oxford, Georgia. In 1919, the College relocated to its then new Atlanta campus.



knowledgeable decisions and avoid complaints. With X25's detailed reports, says Dwight Raby, "It's easy to see the difference between two spaces, and figure out why one is consistently popular with faculty, the other barely used." Deciding which features to upgrade has never been easier. "With X25, we were able to clearly identify our under-utilized rooms and feel more confident about our decisions when allocating funds to classroom upgrades," reports Nancy Bayly.

Benefits

Using X25 has been a boon, not only on the Facilities decision-making level, but also as a means of sharing information in a comprehensible format with all stakeholders in the process. Nancy explains, "We can show graphically on screen a compelling story about our space utilization, without guesswork. The reports have provided hard data to support the need to maintain our current inventory of classrooms at a time when others on campus are searching for more space and desire to convert classrooms to offices."

Nancy notes that with space such a precious commodity, X25 is helping make the case for building additional classrooms. She also appreciates having visual data showing which departments are appropriately scheduling their classes evenly throughout the day and week, and which are not - incredibly useful information that wasn't available in pre-X25 days.

Want to know more?

To discuss your challenges in the areas of space planning and optimization, and how X25 can help you, call 503.973.5200 or email sales@collegenet.com.

