

Definition of Instructional Spaces

Fall Term 2021

Purpose:

To assign parameters for the assignment of university instructional space in order to comply with the Step 3 Ministry requirements, which indicate the removal of physical distancing and capacity limit requirements for indoor instructional spaces (e.g., classrooms, labs, etc.) at PSE institutions.

Recommendations:

Instructional space is defined as any University space that fosters and supports student learning and success.

This includes spaces that:

- ensure effective delivery of curriculum;
- engage students in learning; and
- provide access to university resources.

Acceptable examples include the following:

1. Curriculum delivery
 - a. Classrooms and accompanying entranceways and proximate supporting amenities (central and Department-/Faculty-owned)
 - b. Laboratories (teaching and research)
 - c. Clinical teaching laboratories
 - d. Visual art studio spaces
 - e. Music performance spaces
 - f. Drama performance spaces
 - g. Experiential learning spaces
2. Student learning
 - a. Student offices
 - b. Group meeting rooms
 - c. Study spaces
 - d. Faculty offices
3. Resource provision
 - a. Libraries (main and branch)
 - b. Academic/learning support spaces (e.g. Student Academic Success Services)
 - c. Computer rooms

Administrative considerations:

It will be necessary to ensure that safety protocols are followed. These include:

- Screening for COVID symptoms before entering any instructional spaces
- Wearing of masks in all instructional spaces
- Use of appropriate room booking system for each type of group space to identify the participants and the academic use of the space