

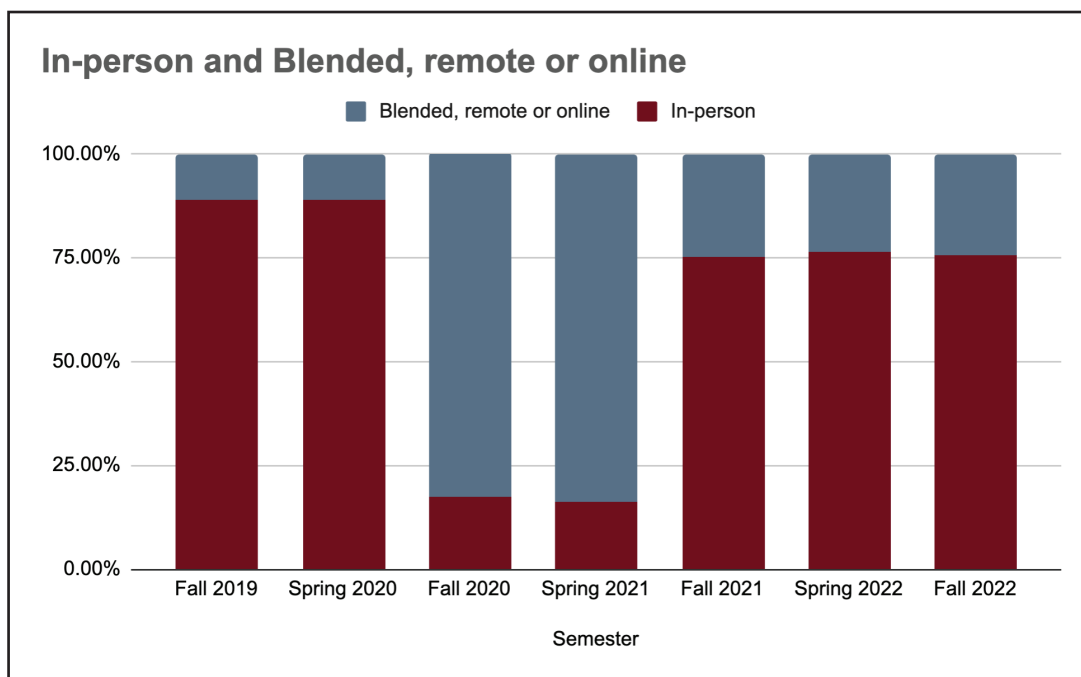
# OFFICE OF CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

## 2020-21 Year in Review

The Office of Classroom Management's (OCM) efforts helped address the challenges facing the University of Minnesota by ensuring access to safe learning spaces through disinfection and PPE distribution, aligning classes with new teaching modalities, and guidelines, and supporting new technologies.

## Continued support for new teaching modalities and flexibility

The University of Minnesota shifted back to in-person learning on the Twin Cities campus during the fall 2021 semester. While 75% of classes took place with an In-Person modality putting new technologies to the test, there has been a continued presence of Blended, Remote, and Online classes.



*\*Fall 2022 data as of 3/22/2022*

Before the pandemic, less than 1 in 3 rooms could connect a laptop to a remote audience but now all General Purpose Classrooms (GPCs) can share audio and video.

**71** 

rooms received technology updates

**86** 

document cameras were updated  
to work with Zoom

These enhanced audio and video capabilities will continue to provide long-term value to the University by allowing student participation from any location, supporting flexibility for instructors, and accommodating students who miss in-person classes throughout the semester.

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### Redesigning classroom scheduling for final exams

As the University began planning for a return to in-person classes there was an opportunity to redesign how classroom scheduling for final exams would work.

In spring 2021, OCM piloted an opt-in classroom assignment process for final exam scheduling. The new process asked departments to opt-in if they needed a classroom assignment for their final exams instead of assuming that all classes would require one. The change proved simple but effective and was fully implemented for all future semesters starting in fall 2021.

The redesigned final exam scheduling process ensures fewer room conflicts during the exam period, reflects the University's shift toward more online or take-home final exams, and allows for greater availability of classrooms as alternate exam rooms or study spaces for students during the final exam period.

### Our spaces

OCM manages 395 total learning spaces across the University of Minnesota's Twin Cities campus, including General Purpose Classrooms (GPCs) and study spaces.

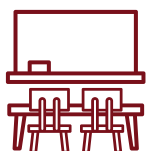
#### Classrooms

**332** total rooms **388,741** total square feet

**201** on the East Bank campus

**91** on the West Bank campus

**40** on the Saint Paul campus



#### Study spaces

**63** total rooms **40,422** total square feet

**36** on the East Bank campus

**14** on the West Bank campus

**13** on the Saint Paul campus



### Satisfaction survey

In 2021, OCM surveyed instructors for feedback on their learning spaces during the spring and fall semesters. The increase in frequency provided greater insight into instructor experiences of OCM spaces.

#### Breakdown of satisfaction:

##### Learning Spaces

**72%**  
average



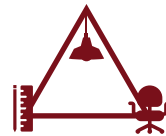
##### Technology

**71%**  
average



##### Physical Attributes

**80%**  
average



*“I love this classroom. I like having two screens and tables. I love group seating at tables!”*

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