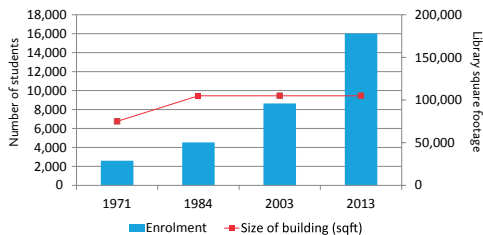


Library space plan summary

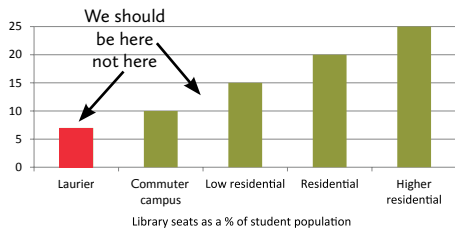
SITUATION

We haven't expanded the Library since 1984, when Laurier had just 4,500 students. **The Library, and the campus, desperately needs more study spaces.**

Student vs. building growth

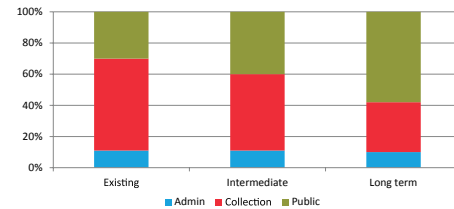


Low benchmarking scores



TACTICS

Improve space allocation



Use compact shelving

2/3 or 66% of our collections can be moved to compact shelves, preserving onsite access while reducing the footprint.

Expand the building

A reorganization of existing spaces will help, but ultimately we will need an addition to full close the gap.

PHASED PLAN

1. Increase student seating

+180 student seats Consolidate collections, move Floor 3 items to compact shelves on Floor 1.

2. Expand Floor 2 student space

+60 student seats Move current office space to upper floors, freeing up prime areas for students.

3. Consolidate the collection

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4. Focus on archival spaces

+25 student seats Construct a prominent new suite for the Laurier Archives on Floor 4.

5. Construct the addition

+370 student seats Complete a major expansion of floors 1-4 of the building.

6. Complete the renovation

+50 student seats Complete renovation of floors 5-7, including major new group study areas.

BENEFITS

Enhanced student experience

- More instruction areas
- New community spaces
- Flexible group study layouts
- Improved service areas

Attractive, inviting facade for the university on Albert Street



Distinguished upper-floor space for Laurier Archives heritage collections



Existing student seats

1034
(Only 7% of students)

Number of seats added in plan

+ 865 =

New student seat total

1899 →
(A healthy 10.5% of students)

Enough space for our users to study, conduct research and engage with the Laurier community.