

## 5.0 ACADEMIC FACILITIES ELEMENT

The University of North Florida (UNF) has built and efficiently utilized its academic facilities throughout its existence. The initial construction of the early 1970s was followed by incremental increases until adequate classrooms, teaching labs, libraries and research labs were available. UNF will have a full complement of educational facilities and a more diverse and dynamic student body. As a result, there will be a need to increase classroom space and academic facilities to keep pace with the projected enrollment growth.

Table 5.1 lists the projected future academic space needs resulting from projected enrollment growth over the next ten (10) years for the following academic space use categories.

- Classroom
- Teaching Laboratory
- Study/Library
- Research Laboratory

The program improvements noted in this table will be undertaken by UNF and the Florida Board of Governors and the State University System (SUS) to maintain, and in certain cases, improve upon existing academic facility space conditions.

**Table 5.1 Projection of Future Net Academic Space Needs**

| SPACE CATEGORY      | TOTAL CURRENT INVENTORY | TOTAL FUNDED CONSTRUCTION | NET SPACE NEEDS |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Classroom           | 86,835                  | 18,000                    | 9,072           |
| Teaching Laboratory | 124,596                 | 3,000                     | (2,671)         |
| Study/Library       | 123,797                 | 0                         | 59,766          |
| Research Laboratory | 25,267                  | 0                         | 1,320           |

Source: Analysis of Space Needs by Category – Form B, 2005 UNF Educational Plant Survey.

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**GOAL 1:** The University of North Florida (UNF) shall meet the academic needs of the projected student enrollment through the construction of new academic facilities and through the maintenance, renovation and expansion of existing academic buildings.

**Objective 1.1** UNF shall provide academic facilities within the Academic land use zone, in accordance with the Future Land Use Map (Figure 4.1) to meet the needs of an expanding academic program and a growing student population and to correct deficiencies identified using the State University System (SUS) space use standards.

Policy 1.1.1 By 2015, UNF shall plan, design and construct a minimum net square feet of academic space in the following categories;

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| Classroom:           | 82,500 |
| Teaching Laboratory: | 41,500 |
| Study/Library:       | 40,995 |
| Research Laboratory: | 3,000  |

**Objective 1.2** UNF shall continue to pursue all available fund appropriations for development of new academic facilities.

Policy 1.2.1 UNF shall continue to pursue SUS appropriations as a primary funding source for the development of new, expanded and/or relocated academic buildings through Year 2015.

Policy 1.2.2 UNF shall follow established administrative procedures for the funding of academic buildings which allows secondary funding sources (i.e., grants, alumni contributions, private sector funding) to be utilized in the future funding of academic facilities. The priority for development of academic facilities funded from secondary sources shall be waived.