

*A Request for Additional Private Study Rooms at Tarrant County College
Northeast Campus: A Recommendation Report*

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Additional Private Study Rooms in Northeast Campus Library

1. Are these rooms in demand on our campus?
2. Are additional rooms economically feasible?
3. Is there a legitimate benefit to studying in a quiet space?
4. What are the actual usage statistics in a comparative model?
5. What are the library administration's thoughts and attitudes toward the private study rooms?

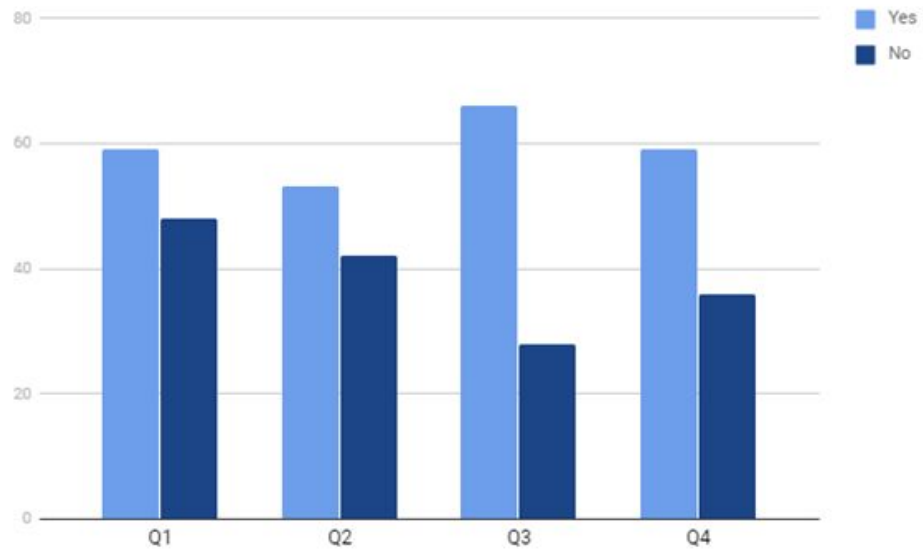
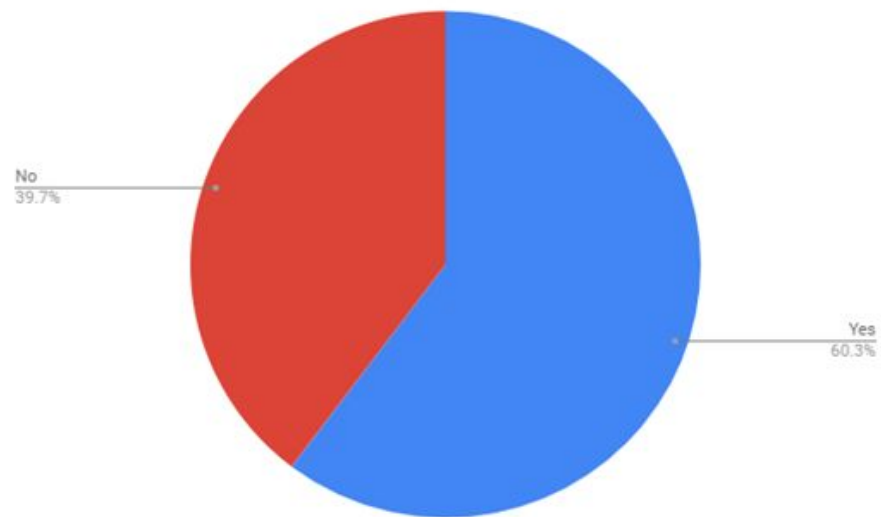
Task 1: Surveying the students

Q1. Do you use the private study rooms in the library on campus?

Q2. Have you ever waited for a room or not had one available?

Q3. Do you think you would benefit from a greater number of rooms?

Q4. Would more rooms increase your library usage?



Task 2: Research Building Costs

- How much does it cost to build and furnish a private study room in an existing building?
- How much does a portable study pod cost?



Photography: Nook

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The results of our research were:

- We have too little experience and knowledge about construction to even estimate on the building costs.
- There is a vast array of commercial furniture options.
- The study pods are already equipped with electrical outlets
- Nook pods are not enclosed and are very small

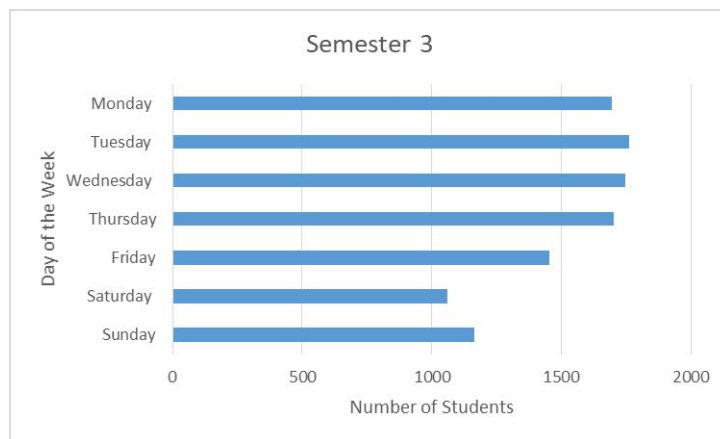
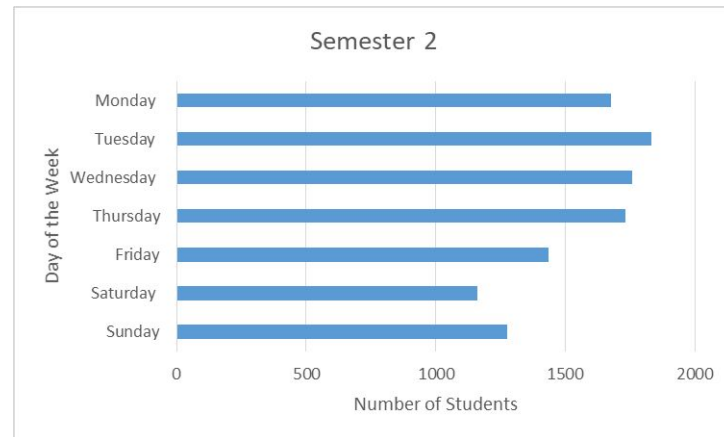
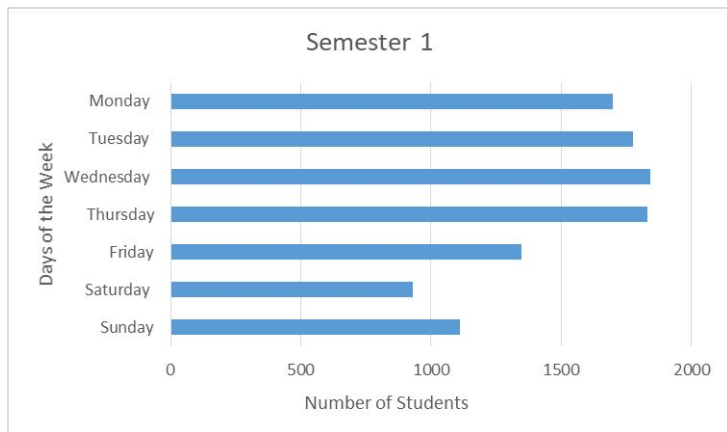
Task 3: Benefits/uses of study rooms

- “Is there a benefit to the private study rooms? If so, what are they?”
- Most students use the rooms during midterms and finals week.
- Benefits:
 - Less distraction
 - Easy access to resources
 - Time management

Task 4:

Research the actual usage of study rooms

- TCC does not currently use a reservation system
- Why having a reservation system may not be the best decision
- Assistant Director of Library: Heather Scalf
- Data from the last three semesters
- Would students benefit from a greater number of rooms
- Would their attendance in the library increase if there were more private rooms



Task 5: Conduct an Interview

Interview with April Martinez

- Will the library be having a more extensive renovation than the one planned in November that could include additional private study rooms?
- Are the existing private study rooms in constant use at the present time?
- Will there ever be a reservation system put in place?

Task 5: Conduct an Interview

Interview with April Martinez

- There is a comprehensive renovation planned, but no timeline has been established.
- Library administration is exploring options to add more private study rooms in the future.
- A reservation system is a last resort because it causes library staff increased stress.

Task 5: Conduct an Interview

Interview with April Martinez

- Potential for expansion



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Challenges of Researching the Project

- The survey may not have been representative.
- Lack of experience and knowledge in construction to credibly estimate building costs
- Phrasing during search of peer-reviewed databases for quiet study
- Finding a usage data source

Conclusion and Recommendation

- We recommended that Northeast Campus provide additional private study rooms provided the following conditions were present
 - That it be economically feasible.
 - That it be done when a more comprehensive renovation takes place.

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