

How One Institution Unlocked \$2.7M Annual Savings Through Data-Driven Academic Planning

BACKGROUND

The partner university is a public institution located in the Northeast U.S.

OPPORTUNITY

University leadership sought objective analysis and change management support to improve academic efficiency and meet student demand

The partner institution needed to better align its academic portfolio with student demand while advancing Gen Ed reform and broader system restructuring efforts. Leadership reached out to EAB seeking credible data to guide decisions related to teaching load, course offerings, and section size, as well as for help building alignment around potentially sensitive academic changes.



KEY RESULTS

\$2.7M

In annual savings opportunity surfaced from instructional optimization

SOLUTION

EAB combined detailed academic efficiency analysis with leadership guidance to support financial success and faculty alignment

EAB conducted an academic efficiency analysis focused on faculty teaching load, course consolidation, and section size. EAB expert consultations supported leadership in framing Gen Ed reform as refinement rather than wholesale change, strengthening faculty engagement and aligning the work with broader institutional priorities.

IMPACT

EAB identified \$2.7M in annual savings opportunity, partnered in developing a reformed Gen Ed curriculum, and generated a faculty communication plan to support adoption of a more disciplined annual academic program review process

The engagement with EAB supported successful passage of Gen Ed reform, while identifying \$2.7M in annual academic efficiency savings opportunity. The partner institution integrated EAB's findings and recommendations into long-term academic planning and annual review processes.



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