



Council for Lifelong Learning
Joint-use Facilities

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1. What is a joint-use facility?	A "joint-use facility" is an educational facility that is cooperatively developed and used by two or more educational entities. Most often, joint-use facilities are shared between a university and a community college or a school district and a community college.
2. Why are joint-use facilities useful?	Joint-use facilities enable the offering of cooperative educational programs at a single shared educational facility, thereby increasing access to such programs for students, in particular, increasing access to baccalaureate degree programs. These types of agreements between institutions utilize existing educational infrastructure to expand access while often limiting the state's expenditures for new buildings.
3. What classes can I take at a joint-use facility?	A joint-use facility between a community college and public university may offer both lower and upper level courses that lead to the completion of a baccalaureate degree on the community college campus.
4. How are joint-use facilities formed?	Joint-use facilities must be jointly requested by two or more boards, including district school boards, community college boards of trustees, the Board of Trustees for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and the Florida Board of Education (FBE). Assessment and approval of the project must be provided by the Florida Board of Education or the Commissioner of Education as appropriate. Once the request is approved, the boards involved must submit a joint resolution to the commitment of utilizing the facility requested. Funding is then requested from the Legislature.
5. How are joint-use facilities funded?	Joint-use facilities are funded by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act. In order for facilities to receive funds from the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund, the project must be on the 3-year capital outlay priority list for both community colleges and universities.
6. What are the applicable statutes and rules?	Section 235.195, F.S. -- Cooperative development and use of facilities Section 235.199, F.S. -- Cooperative funding of vocational educational facilities
7. Where can I get additional information?	The Florida House of Representatives Committee on Colleges & Universities (850) 488-3711

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