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**Class Laboratory** - Space used primarily for formally or regularly scheduled instruction (including associated mandatory, but non-credit-earning laboratories) that require special purpose equipment or a specific space configuration for student participation, experimentation, observation, or practice in an academic discipline.

**Class Laboratory Service -** Space that directly serves one or more class laboratories as an extension of the activities in those spaces.

**Open Laboratory** - A laboratory used primarily for individual or group instruction that is informally scheduled, unscheduled, or open.

**Open Laboratory Service - S**pace that directly serves one or more open laboratories as an extension of the activities in those spaces.

**Research/Nonclass Laboratory -** Space used for laboratory experimentation, research, or training in research methods; professional research and observation; or structured creative activity within a specific program or for sponsored research (whether sponsored with federal, state, private, or institutional funds).

**Research/Nonclass Laboratory Service -** Space that directly serves one or more research/nonclass laboratories as an extension of the activities in those spaces.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, Postsecondary Education Facilities Inventory and Classification Manual: 2006 Edition.