

## Criterion 7: Classrooms and Offices

- Two large lecture halls in Physics (110 and 65 seats).
- Two small seminar rooms (24, 20 seats), suitable for active learning.
- All are smart classrooms (computer projectors, document camera).
- Individual offices for all faculty and staff with networked computers.
- Cubicles for teaching assistants with desks and computers.
- WiFi across the entire campus, including Gardiner Hall.
- Departmental office, mail room, conference room, tutoring center.
- Student lounge (microwave, coffee, refrigerator, blackboard).
- Facilities are well maintained (regular A/C repairs, upgrades to classroom IT).
- Computers upgraded regularly (departmental or engineering funds).
- **Missing: Library Services.**

## Criterion 7: Laboratories, IT resources

- Four rooms for large lower-division instructional labs.
- Five rooms for specialized upper-division instructional labs.
- Some research labs available for instructional labs (XRD, nuclear).
- A few faculty members have research labs on campus, but most perform experimental research at national labs (LANL, Fermilab, Brookhaven). That's a problem for UG student involvement.
- Few opportunities for capstone projects in physics.
- Few central NMSU-wide facilities (CURRL: AFM, SEM).
- Very low start-up for faculty: Not much equipment in Las Cruces.
- Computer labs for students in physics and in engineering.
- Software: MS Office, Matlab, Mathematica, Origin, XRD, WVASE.
- ES&H training and inspections of labs.
- Budget cuts: Difficult to renew/repair equipment. Some E-fee funds.
- Overall, facilities are adequate and safe.