

GGU puts Walnut Creek campus up for sublease

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Golden Gate University has put its Walnut Creek campus on the sublease market, saying so many students are taking courses online that it doesn't need the space.

The Walnut Creek location, 10,133 square feet at 1990 N. California Blvd., is being offered for sublease at \$33 per square foot, said Jeff Weil, senior vice president in Colliers International's Walnut Creek office. The lease term runs through Oct. 31, 2015.

Golden Gate had been in the full floor of Ygnacio Center, a three-building complex purchased by Legacy Partners in March, for about three years. The San Francisco-based school has offered classes in Walnut Creek for 20 years.

University officials have not decided yet whether to close the Walnut Creek

campus or just shrink it, said university President Dan Angel. "We don't need the capacity we currently have and we are not expecting that trend to reverse," he said.

About 600 students attended classes last year in Walnut Creek, the largest of six locations the university has outside of San Francisco. The university's total enrollment is about 6,000.

More and more students nationwide are taking advantage of online learning, especially working-adult seeking graduate degrees, Angel said.

About 44 percent of Golden Gate's courses are offered online, either fully or blended half-and-half with classroom time, he said.

Golden Gate University also has locations in Roseville, Monterey, San Jose, Los Angeles and Seattle.

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