Client success story: Weber State University

An accredited public university founded more than 120 years ago, Weber State began its cloud migration journey campuswide with its faculty and students. Its mission: Digitize the campus experience and increase satisfaction scores. To do so efficiently, utilizing the university’s relief budget was necessary to integrate to the cloud, modernize systems and limit security risks during the process. Throughout the transition, the university strives to embrace new teaching models and initiate new behaviors for faculty and students to continue educational excellence at the highest level in 2021.
Mission-critical priority
Weber State University needed to prioritize spending $60 million in federal funding while also identifying long-term cost savings in order to fully implement the university’s technology roadmap, realize its digital initiatives and improve satisfaction scores. The initiatives encompassed security and optimizing Oracle-managed services while maintaining the budget.

How Gartner helped
After an initial tech stack review, Gartner experts guided an engagement strategy with the IT leaders to provide:
• Current technology insight
• Best-in-class toolkits
• Strategic support utilizing its Gartner Executive Programs subscription
• A well-developed, cost-effective, security-focused and timely cloud migration roadmap

Mission accomplished
Gartner experts played an essential role in:
• Evaluation, planning and supporting the execution of Weber State’s move toward digital transformation
• Contract reviews, where significant long-term cost savings were identified by prioritizing security first in the roadmap to avoid a hasty cloud migration
• Shortening execution time from making the advised pivot and communication to stakeholders utilizing Gartner proprietary data
• Campus access integration for faculty and active students to ensure access to the latest Gartner IT research and insight, which improved UX while continuing the overall digitalization journey

Questions about becoming a Gartner client? Let’s connect.

“I relied on Gartner ... in my research on technology asset management as a professor. Gartner coined the ‘Total Cost of Ownership’ phrase, and I’ve been hooked ever since.”
Matthew Mouritsen, Dean of the Goddard School of Business and Economics, Weber State University