2026 trends in higher education access control



Many higher education security teams recognize that keeping outdated access control systems creates risk and reduces efficiency. Modern access control systems offer opportunities to improve operations and security. Here are a few key stats from the Genetec 2026 State of Physical Security report.

3 reasons why higher education campuses are replacing outdated systems

1
Improved situational awareness and cybersecurity across campus

2
Meet the expectations of staff, students, and parents

3
Reduction in response time with real-time visibility

64%

of higher education campuses are prioritizing access control projects in 2026

Colleges and universities are recognizing the capabilities of a modern access control system and the risks of legacy systems.

46%

of universities prioritize the evaluation of new security systems for specific uses.

There's growing consideration of new technology, including access control solutions, to address operational and security goals across campus.

49%

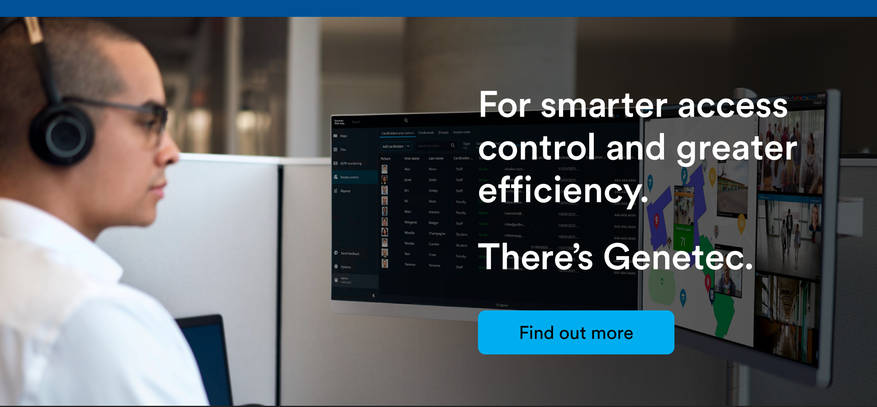
of universities are facing challenges with outdated physical security infrastructure.

Outdated access control systems create barriers to collaboration, cybersecurity, and scalability.

There's a better way

Modern campus access control systems offer fexibility, scalability, and strong cybersecurity measures. Real-time information help security teams spot patterns to address threats before they escalate. Open architecture solutions and mobile credentials boost operational efficiency and enhance the student experience.

- Empower your operators with real-time insights
- Share valuable data with other departments
- Modernize your university with new technologies



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