



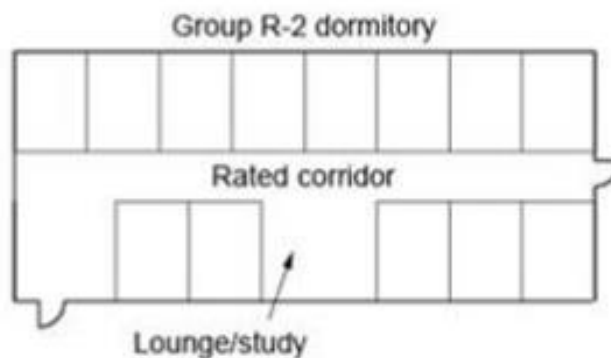
## 2018 IBC Plan Review Question Of The Week

A fully sprinklered Group R-2 dormitory with a rated corridor contains an adjacent lounge/study area open to the corridor as indicated in the exhibit. Would the arrangement comply with the corridor continuity requirements of Section 1020.6?

A) YES



B) NO



**1020.6 Corridor continuity.** *Fire-resistance-rated corridors shall be continuous from the point of entry to an exit, and shall not be interrupted by intervening rooms. Where the path of egress travel within a fire-resistance-rated corridor to the exit includes travel along unenclosed exit access stairways or ramps, the fire-resistance rating shall be continuous for the length of the stairway or ramp and for the length of the connecting corridor on the adjacent floor leading to the exit.*

### Exceptions:

1. Foyers, lobbies or reception rooms constructed as required for *corridors* shall not be construed as intervening rooms.
2. Enclosed elevator lobbies as permitted by Item 1 of Section 1016.2 shall not be construed as intervening rooms.

While the lounge/study area is open to the rated corridor, it is not considered an intervening room since egress is neither required through the lounge/study area nor does it obstruct access to the required exits. A typical lounge/study area represents a similar level of hazard as foyers, lobbies and reception rooms permitted by Exception No.1 provided the room has the same rated walls as required for the corridor.