

Appendix. Average Class Size by Academic Discipline
Fall Semesters: 2017-2023

Methodology: Enrollment data were taken directly from SMC's Student Information System (SIS) reports. Discipline abbreviations given in all caps are the abbreviations used in SMC's Catalog, Class Schedule, and the SIS. Class sizes were calculated by dividing the sum of all discipline enrollments on the class census date by the number of sections offered in that discipline. For cross-listed classes and stacked classes under different disciplines, enrollments were counted towards the discipline under which the student enrolled. For stacked classes in the same discipline, the stacked sections were counted as one section.

Pandemic Notes: Fall 2020 and Fall 2021 data are most heavily reflective of the effect of the covid-19 pandemic. Fall 2017, 2018, and 2019 data are generally reliable measures of pre-pandemic fill rates, while fall 2022 and 2023 data reflect the post-pandemic recovery.

Department	Discipline	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	7 Year Average
ALL CREDIT CLASSES		29.7	29.7	29.6	29.8	27.6	27.0	29.1	29.0
Art	AHIS: Art History	44.6	48.0	45.3	41.2	41.2	41.2	48.2	44.1
	ART: Art	22.1	21.9	25.3	24.7	23.5	22.2	24.1	23.3
Business	ACCTG: Accounting	33.2	32.6	31.6	33.2	29.5	30.2	31.1	31.7
	AD JUS: Administration of Justice	38.0	35.8	44.6	39.5	35.2	31.3	37.4	36.9
	AUTO: Automotive Technologies	33.5	32.0	27.0	30.5	22.0	33.0	30.0	29.7
	BUS: Business	29.9	34.0	34.0	34.1	30.8	30.9	33.3	32.4
Communication & Media Studies	COM ST: Communication Studies	30.9	31.4	32.0	30.6	29.1	28.4	30.6	30.5
	FILM: Film	34.0	35.2	34.5	31.5	27.9	32.0	32.7	32.5
	JOURN: Journalism	16.6	15.2	16.5	17.1	13.8	12.1	11.8	14.9
	MEDIA: Media Studies	30.4	30.7	30.1	31.6	27.2	28.2	29.8	29.9
Computer Science & Information Systems	CIS: Computer Information Systems	25.0	25.4	24.1	26.1	22.5	22.8	24.0	24.3
	CS: Computer Science	33.4	33.2	31.6	32.9	31.9	33.5	34.7	33.0

	OFTECH: Office Technologies	14.6	13.7	22.6	9.6	17.7	17.0	18.7	16.0
Cosmetology	COSM: Cosmetology	26.1	25.0	30.4	25.4	22.9	22.5	24.8	25.3
Counseling	COUNS: Counseling	28.6	28.1	27.3	25.7	25.9	26.2	26.5	27.0
Dance	DANCE: Dance	23.4	24.0	23.2	21.9	18.8	20.6	25.3	22.6
Design	ANIM: Animation				24.8	23.4	23.0	24.3	23.9
Technology ¹	ARC: Architecture					22.9	23.9	24.3	23.8
	IARC: Interior Architectural Design					19.5	17.9	19.9	19.1
	DMPOST: Digital Media Post-Production				22.8	22.7	22.8	24.3	23.2
	GAME: Game Design					24.5	20.7	22.0	22.1
	DESIGN: Graphic Design	25.0	6.0	13.0			19.9	22.9	20.9
	GR DES: Graphic Design	23.1	23.3	23.3	22.3	22.5	19.2	19.8	22.7
	IXD: Interaction Design	20.0	12.4	12.0	12.7	12.0	14.1	17.2	14.0
	ET: Entertainment Technology	24.3	24.1	24.1	22.0				24.1
	INTARC: Architecture and Interior Architectural Design	21.2	21.5	22.3	21.6				21.6
Earth Science	ANTHRO: Anthropology	36.0	35.6	34.1	40.0	36.2	35.5	36.0	36.2
	ASTRON: Astronomy	35.0	38.6	39.1	37.5	35.8	36.6	34.6	36.7
	ENERGY: Energy Efficiency	19.0	18.0	16.5					17.8
	GEOG: Geography	31.3	26.6	24.2	29.5	27.5	28.1	29.1	28.0
	GEOL: Geology	30.6	28.0	27.0	34.0	32.8	32.4	33.1	31.2
	GIS: Geographic Information Systems	8.0	10.0	15.7	16.3	17.3	17.0	18.5	15.1
	PV: Photovoltaic Installation	18.0	12.7	15.0					15.2
	RRM: Recycling and Resource Management	33.3	32.8	29.5	34.8	21.5	20.0	17.3	27.0
	ECE: Early Childhood Education	27.3	27.4	26.5	28.4	25.5	24.8	25.3	26.5

¹The Design Technology department reorganized and renamed its academic disciplines in 2020.

Education & Early Childhood				#DIV/0					
Education	EDUC: <i>Education</i>	19.0	18.0	!	21.0	15.0	18.0	20.0	18.5
English	ENGL: <i>English</i>	25.9	26.0	25.1	24.8	24.1	24.5	24.6	25.0
	REL: <i>Religious Studies</i>	15.5	21.0	26.0	29.0	20.0	24.0	25.0	22.0
English as a Second Language	ESL: <i>English as a Second Language</i>	25.8	24.2	23.5	22.6	19.8	22.4	23.5	23.7
Health Science ²	NURSNG: <i>Nursing</i>	12.4	14.0	14.1	16.0	15.4	14.1	14.0	14.2
		#DIV/0	#DIV/0	#DIV/0	#DIV/0				
	RC: <i>Respiratory Care</i>	!	!	!	!	9.9	8.2	8.0	8.5
	RES TH: <i>Respiratory Therapy</i>	22.3	20.7	17.7	11.2	#DIV/0	#DIV/0	#DIV/0	
						!	!	!	17.0
History	HIST: <i>History</i>	38.6	38.3	37.3	39.0	36.4	36.2	39.3	37.9
Interdisciplinary ³	ENVRN: <i>Environmental Studies</i>	22.5	21.4	29.2	32.0	29.0	30.6	22.6	26.6
		#DIV/0	#DIV/0	#DIV/0	#DIV/0	#DIV/0			
	ETH ST: <i>Ethnic Studies</i>	!	!	!	!	!	26.0	43.6	40.1
	GLOBAL: <i>Global Studies</i>	17.3	14.8	20.5	23.4	19.7	18.7	17.8	19.0
	HEALTH: <i>Health Education</i>	38.6	40.3	38.8	38.7	38.4	39.9	37.7	39.0
	HUM: <i>Humanities</i>	21.0	16.0	16.0	21.0	23.0	28.0	25.5	22.0
		#DIV/0	#DIV/0	#DIV/0		#DIV/0			
	SCI: <i>Science</i>	!	!	!	11.5	!	22.5	20.0	17.6
	URBAN: <i>Urban Studies</i>	13.5	12.0	28.0	24.0	25.0	23.0	24.0	21.0
Kinesiology & Athletics	VAR PE: <i>Varsity Intercollegiate Athletics</i>	18.0	18.7	16.7	12.9	15.1	18.7	17.6	17.1
	KIN PE: <i>Kinesiology/Physical Education</i>	21.6	20.9	25.9	21.6	19.9	20.6	28.9	23.1
	PRO CR: <i>Professional Courses in</i>	28.6	29.5	34.3	26.7	23.6	30.4	34.1	29.6

² The Respiratory Care program changed its name formerly Respiratory Therapy in 2021 and became an independent program in 2022. Prior to 2022: the program was offered in partnership with East Los Angeles College.

³ Disciplines under the Interdisciplinary category are not house in a single academic department at SMC. Courses in these disciplines may be offered by two or more different departments.

	<i>Kinesiology/Physical Education</i>								
Library Studies Life Science	LIBR: <i>Library</i>	44.7	31.0	38.0	33.3	25.3	29.7	35.7	33.4
	ANATMY: <i>Anatomy</i>	28.1	29.4	28.6	26.8	27.6	23.4	27.5	27.3
	BIOL: <i>Biology</i>	33.3	31.3	30.7	30.7	27.4	26.8	28.1	30.1
	BOTANY: <i>Botany</i>	25.0	25.0	31.3	28.3	27.0	28.0	28.0	27.2
	MCRBIO: <i>Microbiology</i>	21.8	22.2	20.7	22.7	24.6	22.8	24.8	22.7
	NUTR: <i>Nutrition</i>	35.1	32.8	34.1	36.6	32.9	35.2	36.4	34.6
	PHYS: <i>Physiology</i>	21.6	23.7	23.0	19.5	19.4	18.6	21.6	21.0
	ZOOL: <i>Zoology</i>	30.4	28.8	27.4	28.3	27.7	25.7	22.5	27.8
Mathematics Modern Languages & Cultures	MATH: <i>Mathematics</i>	38.0	38.2	36.0	36.8	32.5	30.5	32.7	35.1
	ARABIC: <i>Arabic</i>	39.0	31.0	18.0	33.0	34.0	29.0	33.0	29.4
	ASL: <i>American Sign Language</i>	30.3	28.3	22.5	31.3	31.7	31.0	29.7	29.0
	CHNESE: <i>Chinese</i>	27.2	28.0	25.6	30.7	23.0	20.0	26.0	26.2
	FRENCH: <i>French</i>	25.6	32.0	24.2	32.2	29.6	27.5	25.2	27.8
	GERMAN: <i>German</i>	20.0	24.3	18.3	28.7	23.0	18.0	34.0	22.7
	HEBREW: <i>Hebrew</i>	24.3	20.7	16.3	30.0	25.5	32.0	24.5	23.1
	ITAL: <i>Italian</i>	25.5	25.3	20.0	34.0	29.0	28.5	29.5	26.3
	JAPAN: <i>Japanese</i>	32.7	30.8	28.9	33.4	29.2	26.4	31.4	30.4
	KOREAN: <i>Korean</i>	25.7	26.3	26.9	35.5	28.8	27.6	28.8	28.0
	LING: <i>Linguistics</i>	43.3	42.3	40.2	41.8	24.6	37.3	44.3	38.7
	PERSIN: <i>Persian</i>	29.0	31.0	15.0	32.0	31.0	17.0	26.0	24.5
	PORTGS: <i>Portuguese</i>	24.0	26.0	10.0					17.5
	RUSS: <i>Russian</i>	42.0	38.0	15.5	37.0	35.0	26.0	36.0	30.6
	SPAN: <i>Spanish</i>	24.7	24.5	23.9	29.4	27.1	26.9	26.9	26.0
	MUSIC: <i>Music</i>	25.3	29.9	27.2	24.5	20.2	19.2	25.3	24.6
	ECON: <i>Economics</i>	49.4	45.7	44.6	44.8	37.7	39.6	43.6	43.8
	PHILOS: <i>Philosophy</i>	40.3	41.3	41.1	38.2	33.0	33.4	36.0	37.8
	POL SC: <i>Political Science</i>	44.3	43.7	42.2	43.1	38.0	36.3	40.1	41.2

Philosophy & Social Science ⁴	SOCIOL: <i>Sociology</i>	42.5	41.6	41.9	43.7	38.6	38.7	39.6	40.9
	WGS: <i>Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies</i>			40.6	40.1	30.5	37.4	39.4	37.6
	WOM ST: <i>Women's Studies</i>	40.5	39.4						39.9
Photography & Fashion	FASHN: <i>Fashion</i>	27.0	25.4	27.0	26.7	26.1	27.0	28.2	26.7
	PHOTO: <i>Photography</i>	28.3	26.9	27.7	24.4	21.2	22.7	25.3	25.4
Physical Science	CHEM: <i>Chemistry</i>	26.7	26.9	25.7	27.0	25.0	21.5	24.4	25.5
	ENGR: <i>Engineering</i>	20.2	18.2	26.5	27.0	25.3	25.8	25.8	23.8
	PHYSCS: <i>Physics</i>	26.4	26.2	25.1	27.0	24.1	19.5	24.1	24.7
Psychology	PSYCH: <i>Psychology</i>	37.7	37.8	38.0	39.0	37.7	37.5	38.3	38.0
Theater Arts	TH ART: <i>Theater Arts</i>	26.5	23.7	24.2	20.9	20.3	18.9	21.7	22.4

⁴ Women's Studies was expanded and renamed to Women's: Gender and Sexuality Studies WGS in 2019.