

Class Fill Rates 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 fill rates were calculated by dividing the enrollment on the class census date by the maximum enrollment allowed for that class. For cross-listed and stacked classes in which two or more classes meet jointly, maximum enrollments were calculated by prorating the overall maximum enrollment by the percentage enrollment on census date. For example, for a cross-listed section of Accounting 45/Business 45, if 1/3 of the students enrolled at census had enrolled under the Accounting 45 course title, then 1/3 of the maximum enrollment was assigned to Accounting 45 and the remaining 2/3 to Business 45.

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 Fill Rate
ALL CREDIT CLASSES		88%	88%	88%	87%	81%	80%	85%	85%
Art	AHIS: Art History	82%	88%	83%	95%	91%	89%	97%	89%
	ART: Art	92%	91%	92%	88%	81%	81%	87%	87%
Business	ACCTG: Accounting	84%	80%	80%	84%	76%	76%	79%	80%
	AD JUS: Administration of Justice	84%	86%	99%	88%	79%	70%	84%	83%
	AUTO: Automotive Technologies	96%	91%	77%	87%	63%	94%	86%	85%
	BUS: Business	82%	84%	85%	84%	75%	75%	81%	81%
Communication & Media Studies	COM ST: Communication Studies	94%	93%	95%	91%	87%	85%	90%	91%
	FILM: Film	98%	99%	97%	97%	88%	90%	94%	95%
	JOURN: Journalism	69%	69%	74%	72%	55%	60%	55%	66%
	MEDIA: Media Studies	92%	88%	88%	87%	75%	78%	83%	85%

Computer Science & Information Systems	CIS: Computer Information Systems	72%	73%	71%	76%	69%	70%	77%	73%
	CS: Computer Science	81%	81%	80%	75%	72%	76%	81%	78%
	OFTECH: Office Technologies	75%	74%	75%	62%	76%	73%	65%	72%
Cosmetology	COSM: Cosmetology	96%	90%	95%	87%	76%	77%	84%	86%
Counseling	COUNS: Counseling	89%	88%	86%	80%	80%	82%	83%	84%
Dance	DANCE: Dance	71%	71%	63%	63%	51%	55%	74%	65%
Design Technology <sup>1</sup>	ANIM: Animation				95%	89%	89%	94%	92%
	ARC: Architecture					84%	91%	91%	89%
	IARC: Interior Architectural Design					68%	62%	70%	67%
	DMPOST: Digital Media Post-Production				93%	92%	93%	99%	94%
	GAME: Game Design					82%	79%	85%	82%
	DESIGN: Design <sup>2</sup>	92%	92%	92%	88%	88%	76%	86%	88%
	IXD: Interaction Design	82%	83%	82%	94%	89%	90%	70%	84%
	ET: Entertainment Technology	93%	92%	95%	92%				93%
	INTARC: Architecture and Interior Architectural Design	91%	86%	88%	85%				87%
	ANTHRO: Anthropology	92%	90%	88%	95%	87%	86%	88%	89%
	ASTRON: Astronomy	89%	95%	97%	93%	89%	93%	88%	92%
	ENERGY: Energy Efficiency	63%	60%	55%					59%
Earth Science	GEOG: Geography	98%	85%	86%	94%	82%	88%	87%	89%
	GEOL: Geology	88%	95%	92%	91%	87%	90%	92%	90%
	GIS: Geographic Information Systems	80%	86%	79%	90%	70%	82%	74%	79%
	PV: Photovoltaic Installation	51%	36%	50%					46%
	RRM: Recycling and Resource Management	74%	73%	66%	77%	48%	44%	38%	60%

<sup>1</sup>The Design Technology department reorganized and renamed its academic disciplines in 2020.

<sup>2</sup> DESIGN data includes GR DES as well

Education & Early Childhood Education	ECE: <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	83%	80%	80%	81%	74%	74%	74%	78%
	EDUC: <i>Education</i>	58%	51%		60%	43%	51%	57%	54%
English	ENGL: <i>English</i>	97%	99%	95%	94%	91%	93%	93%	95%
	REL: <i>Religious Studies</i>	69%	84%	91%	97%	83%	86%	86%	84%
English as a Second Language	ESL: <i>English as a Second Language</i>	93%	85%	88%	82%	70%	82%	85%	86%
Health Science <sup>3</sup>	NURSNG: <i>Nursing</i>	68%	79%	78%	85%	83%	79%	79%	79%
	RC: <i>Respiratory Care</i>					86%	29%	27%	34%
	RES TH: <i>Respiratory Therapy</i>	79%	65%	71%	75%				72%
History	HIST: <i>History</i>	89%	89%	89%	91%	87%	87%	92%	89%
Interdisciplinary <sup>4</sup>	ENVRN: <i>Environmental Studies</i>	90%	107%	96%	94%	91%	91%	94%	95%
	ETH ST: <i>Ethnic Studies</i>						58%	97%	89%
	GLOBAL: <i>Global Studies</i>	84%	94%	78%	89%	88%	84%	89%	86%
	HEALTH: <i>Health Education</i>	87%	90%	86%	86%	85%	89%	84%	87%
	HUM: <i>Humanities</i>	75%	57%	57%	77%	71%	86%	81%	74%
	SCI: <i>Science</i>				77%		75%	77%	76%
	URBAN: <i>Urban Studies</i>	90%	96%	85%	84%	75%	85%	85%	84%
Kinesiology & Athletics	VAR PE: <i>Varsity Intercollegiate Athletics</i>	51%	81%	80%	37%	53%	62%	69%	61%
	KIN PE: <i>Kinesiology/Physical Education</i>	91%	91%	87%	72%	64%	66%	83%	82%
	PRO CR: <i>Professional Courses in Kinesiology/Physical Education</i>	89%	81%	82%	62%	53%	68%	76%	72%
Library Studies	LIBR: <i>Library</i>	99%	69%	84%	74%	56%	66%	79%	74%
Life Science	ANATMY: <i>Anatomy</i>	89%	92%	89%	84%	86%	73%	86%	85%
	BIOL: <i>Biology</i>	91%	86%	86%	87%	77%	78%	82%	84%

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

Mathematics Modern Languages & Cultures	BOTANY: <i>Botany</i>	78%	78%	98%	89%	84%	88%	88%	85%
	MCRBIO: <i>Microbiology</i>	91%	93%	86%	94%	103%	95%	103%	94%
	NUTR: <i>Nutrition</i>	87%	81%	80%	81%	76%	79%	82%	81%
	PHYS: <i>Physiology</i>	90%	99%	96%	81%	81%	77%	90%	87%
	ZOOL: <i>Zoology</i>	95%	90%	86%	88%	86%	80%	70%	87%
	MATH: <i>Mathematics</i>	91%	93%	93%	89%	82%	79%	85%	88%
	ARABIC: <i>Arabic</i>	111%	89%	72%	94%	97%	83%	94%	90%
	ASL: <i>American Sign Language</i>	87%	81%	75%	90%	90%	89%	85%	85%
	CHNESE: <i>Chinese</i>	78%	80%	83%	88%	66%	57%	74%	77%
	FRENCH: <i>French</i>	73%	91%	74%	92%	84%	79%	72%	80%
	GERMAN: <i>German</i>	71%	70%	61%	82%	66%	51%	97%	70%
	HEBREW: <i>Hebrew</i>	97%	59%	47%	86%	73%	91%	70%	70%
	ITAL: <i>Italian</i>	73%	72%	67%	97%	83%	81%	84%	77%
	JAPAN: <i>Japanese</i>	92%	86%	84%	92%	82%	74%	87%	85%
	KOREAN: <i>Korean</i>	78%	79%	82%	101%	82%	79%	82%	82%
	LING: <i>Linguistics</i>	97%	94%	89%	93%	55%	83%	98%	86%
	PERSIN: <i>Persian</i>	83%	89%	60%	91%	89%	49%	74%	75%
	PORTGS: <i>Portuguese</i>	69%	74%	40%					58%
	RUSS: <i>Russian</i>	120%	109%	62%	106%	100%	74%	103%	94%
Music Philosophy & Social Science <sup>5</sup>	SPAN: <i>Spanish</i>	71%	70%	71%	84%	77%	77%	77%	75%
	MUSIC: <i>Music</i>	72%	70%	75%	69%	60%	58%	72%	68%
	ECON: <i>Economics</i>	95%	90%	91%	95%	91%	88%	96%	92%
	PHILOS: <i>Philosophy</i>	98%	97%	96%	91%	83%	76%	89%	90%
	POL SC: <i>Political Science</i>	96%	94%	90%	90%	83%	80%	84%	88%
	SOCIOL: <i>Sociology</i>	96%	95%	96%	96%	88%	87%	89%	92%

<sup>5</sup> Women's Studies was expanded and renamed to Women's: Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGS) in 2019. Data for 2017 & 2018 are for the former Women's Studies classes.

Photography & Fashion	WGS: <i>Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies</i>	106%	93%	95%	95%	72%	89%	94%	89%
	FASHN: <i>Fashion</i>	90%	86%	96%	91%	88%	90%	96%	91%
	PHOTO: <i>Photography</i>	87%	83%	83%	77%	69%	73%	83%	79%
Physical Science	CHEM: <i>Chemistry</i>	94%	95%	91%	96%	89%	76%	86%	90%
	ENGR: <i>Engineering</i>	64%	65%	95%	96%	90%	92%	92%	83%
	PHYSCS: <i>Physics</i>	92%	92%	88%	96%	86%	70%	86%	88%
Psychology	PSYCH: <i>Psychology</i>	87%	90%	90%	92%	88%	87%	89%	89%
Theater Arts	TH ART: <i>Theater Arts</i>	80%	76%	78%	70%	73%	69%	75%	75%