

Student Achievement

Our Mission

Spartanburg Methodist College regularly evaluates student success with respect to student achievement consistent with the College mission. Chiefly, the College evaluates enrollment, retention, graduation, transfer, and courses completion data.

Spartanburg Methodist College mission and vision statements identify the College as two-year transfer institution.

Mission

Spartanburg Methodist College is a two-year private residential institution within the United Methodist Connection. At SMC, lives are transformed in a values-oriented, student-centered atmosphere in the Christian tradition that encourages academic excellence, intellectual exploration, social awareness, and character development with the liberal arts tradition.

Vision

Spartanburg Methodist College will be the college of choice for residential or commuting students who desire the advantages of a church-related education. We will offer motivated students a liberal arts education in preparation for the senior college experience and lifelong learning through relevant and challenging academic programs, campus leadership opportunities, and strong athletic programs. We will do this in an environment of community and caring where each student is respected as an individual with unique needs and is encouraged to achieve his or her fullest potential.

Enrollment Data

Total enrollment figures for FA2007-FA2016 are shown below:

Total Enrollment

Fall Semester:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Enrollment	797	750	808	790	803	811	818	793	771	737
Three-year average*			785	783	800	801	811	807	794	767

*Rounded to the nearest whole number

Three-year average figures adjust for minor fluctuations that naturally occur over the course of enrollment cycles.

Slightly more males than females typically enroll at the College.

Percentage Enrollment by Gender

Fall Semester:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Female	48%	48%	43%	48%	45%	48%	48%	44%	46%	47%
Male	52%	52%	57%	52%	55%	52%	52%	56%	54%	53%

Student Retention

Fall-to-fall retention data measure the percent of first-time freshmen and first-time transfers who return to the college for a second year following their initial enrollment. These numbers are based on fall enrollment.

Fall-to-fall Retention

Initial fall semester:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cohort enrollment	463	470	486	508	507	495	514	500	467
Number returning in the following fall	255	299	267	289	305	292	284	298	280
Percent returning in the following fall	55%	64%	55%	57%	60%	59%	55%	60%	60%

Spring-to-fall retention includes students enrolled in the spring semester with the following exclusions: graduates, dual enrollment, audits, transients, and students who have military or civic duties.

Spring-to-fall Retention

Initial spring semester:	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Cohort enrollment	502	519	532	533	541	521	503	511	486
Number returning in the following fall	255	299	267	289	305	292	284	298	280
Percent returning in the following fall	51%	58%	50%	54%	56%	56%	56%	58%	58%

Graduation, Transfer-Out Rate

Graduation rate is an IPEDS reported figure. The cohort is based on all entering first-time full-time freshmen, with exceptions allowed for deceased, military and certain civil and religious exclusions. Graduation rate is measured after 150% of program length, which in the case of SMC, is three years. (Students entering in FA2006 are counted as positive if they graduate by the end of summer 2009.)

Since SMC's mission includes transfer, the transfer-out rate for the same cohort is also reported. The total graduates plus transfer-out within 150% of program length is counted as the college's Success Rate.

Cohort year	FA2006	FA2007	FA2008	FA2009	FA2010	FA2011	FA2012
Entering Cohort (adjusted)	446	431	431	438	459	466	452
Reporting Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number graduating within 150%	203	160	176	165	189	201	199
Graduation rate	46%	37%	41%	38%	41%	43%	44%
Number transferring within 150%	182	205	191	193	191	184	173
Transfer-out rate	41%	48%	44%	44%	42%	39%	38%
Number graduating or transferring	385	365	367	358	380	385	372
Success rate	86%	85%	85%	82%	83%	83%	82%

Graduates Continuing

SMC follows up with its graduates each year to determine how many of our students continue to another college. For the most part, our graduates continue to four-year colleges, though sometimes they pursue a degree (such as nursing or other health-related degree) at a community or technical college. The following data are derived from the National Student Clearinghouse.

Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Total Graduates	166	174	174	192	202	200	190
4yr	124	1446	139	157	162	152	157
2yr or less	27	8	12	11	19	20	6
Total	151	154	151	168	181	172	163
% Continuing	91%	89%	87%	88%	90%	86%	86%

Course Completion

Each semester, the Vice President for Academic Affairs reviews the A-C and A-D pass rates and completion rate (A-F) of all courses taught during that semester. Over the past five years (fall and spring only), SMC has had the following results:

- Average A-C pass rate = 77%
- Average A-D pass rate = 86%
- Average Completion (A-F) rate = 93%

	FA11	SP12	FA12	SP13	FA13	SP14	FA14	SP15	FA15	SP16
<i># of Grades</i>	<i>4668</i>	<i>4069</i>	<i>4684</i>	<i>4059</i>	<i>4710</i>	<i>3927</i>	<i>4580</i>	<i>3844</i>	<i>4487</i>	<i>3844</i>
A-C Pass Rate	72%	73%	76%	77%	76%	81%	76%	83%	75%	79%
A-D Pass Rate	83%	84%	85%	88%	85%	88%	85%	89%	85%	87%
Completion Rate (A-F)	92%	92%	92%	94%	92%	94%	93%	97%	93%	93%