

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 statement identifies the College as a two-year transfer institution.

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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.

Enrollment Data

Total enrollment figures for FA2007-FA2017 are shown below:

Total Enrollment (Goal: 800)

Fall Semester:	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Enrollment	790	803	811	818	793	771	737	790
Three-year average*			801	811	807	794	767	766

*Rounded to the nearest whole number

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

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 (Goal: 60%)

Initial fall semester:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Cohort enrollment	463	470	486	508	507	495	514	500	467	454
Number returning in the following fall	255	299	267	289	305	292	284	298	280	253
Percent returning in the following fall	55%	64%	55%	57%	60%	59%	55%	60%	60%	56%

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.

Success Rate (Goal: 80% Success Rate)

Cohort year	FA2007	FA2008	FA2009	FA2010	FA2011	FA2012	FA2013
Entering Cohort (adjusted)	431	431	438	459	466	452	465
Number graduating within 150%	160	176	165	189	201	199	185
Graduation rate	37%	41%	38%	41%	43%	44%	40%
Number transferring within 150%	205	191	193	191	184	173	195
Transfer-out rate	48%	44%	44%	42%	39%	38%	42%
Number graduating or transferring	365	367	358	380	385	372	380
Success rate	85%	85%	82%	83%	83%	82%	82%

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:

A-C Pass Rate of Completed Courses (Goal: 80%)

	FA13	SP14	FA14	SP15	FA15	SP16	FA16	SP17	FA17	SP18
<i># of Grades</i>	<i>4710</i>	<i>3927</i>	<i>4580</i>	<i>3844</i>	<i>4487</i>	<i>3844</i>	<i>4273</i>	<i>3687</i>	<i>4612</i>	<i>3727</i>
A-C Pass Rate	76%	81%	76%	83%	75%	79%	76%	77%	75%	74%
A-D Pass Rate	85%	88%	85%	89%	85%	87%	85%	85%	84%	84%
Completion Rate (A-F)	92%	94%	93%	97%	93%	93%	93%	94%	94%	93%
A-C Pass Rate of Completed Courses	83%	86%	82%	86%	81%	85%	82%	82%	80%	80%