

Student Achievement

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.

Our Mission

“Spartanburg Methodist College is a private residential institution offering associate and baccalaureate degrees 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 within the liberal arts tradition.

The academic program offers students the option of transferring to a four-year college or university for continued study or entering a career after graduation. The curriculum ranges from the basic liberal arts and transfer program to preparation for immediate entry into the job market through career track and baccalaureate degree options. The College offers to a wide variety of students the opportunity of higher education by providing a competent and dedicated faculty, distance learning options, financial assistance, work-study positions, and special support programs”

Enrollment Data

Total enrollment figures for FA2012-FA2021 are shown below:

Total Enrollment (Goal: 1000)

Fall Semester:	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Enrollment	811	818	793	771	737	790	837	910	1051	1043
Three-year average*	801	811	807	794	767	766	788	846	933	1001

*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:	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cohort enrollment	507	495	514	500	467	454	530	531	547	498
Number returning in the following fall	305	292	284	298	280	253	280	262	334	250
Percent returning in the following fall	60%	59%	55%	60%	60%	56%	56%	49%	61%	50%

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 now six years. (Students entering in FA2021 will be counted as positive if they graduate by the end of summer 2027.)

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	FA2008	FA2009	FA2010	FA2011	FA2012	FA2013	FA2014
Entering Cohort (adjusted)	431	438	459	466	452	465	458
Number graduating within 150%	176	165	189	201	199	185	220
Graduation rate	41%	38%	41%	43%	44%	40%	48%
Number transferring within 150%	191	193	191	184	173	195	173
Transfer-out rate	44%	44%	42%	39%	38%	42%	34%
Number graduating or transferring	367	358	380	385	372	380	393
Success rate	85%	82%	83%	83%	82%	82%	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:

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

	SP18	FA18	SP19	FA19	SP20	FA20	SP21	FA21	SP22
<i># of Grades</i>	<i>3727</i>	<i>4751</i>	<i>4032</i>	<i>5193</i>	<i>4398</i>	<i>5890</i>	<i>4984</i>	<i>5744</i>	<i>4345</i>
A-C Pass Rate	74%	73%	72%	77%	78%	59%	62%	66%	71%
A-D Pass Rate	84%	81%	83%	85%	83%	66%	69%	73%	79%
Completion Rate (A-F)	93%	91%	93%	92%	93%	82%	79%	87%	91%
A-C Pass Rate of Completed Courses	80%	80%	77%	83%	84%	72%	78%	75%	78%