

## Student Achievement

Spartanburg Methodist College regularly evaluates student success with respect to student achievement consistent with the college’s mission. Chiefly, the college evaluates enrollment, retention, graduation, transfer, and course 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 (Goal: 1000)**

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Total Enrollment	793	771	737	790	837	910	1051	1043	1080	1055
Three-year average	807	794	767	766	788	846	933	1001	1058	1059

### Student Retention

Fall-to-fall retention data measures 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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cohort enrollment	514	500	467	454	530	531	547	498	562	556
Number returning in the following fall	284	298	280	253	280	262	334	250	280	265
Percent returning in the following fall	55%	60%	60%	56%	56%	49%	61%	50%	50%	48%

### Graduation, Transfer-Out, and Success Rates

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 is now six years.

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. The success rate dropped with the 2015-21 cohort, mirroring a nationwide trend in completion rates following the pandemic.

#### Success Rate (Goal: 80% Success Rate)

Cohort year	FA2009	FA2010	FA2011	FA2012	FA2013	FA2014	FA2015	FA2016	FA2017
<b>Entering Cohort (adjusted)</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>467</b>
Number graduating within 150%	165	189	201	199	185	220	178	144	179
Graduation rate	38%	41%	43%	44%	40%	48%	41%	36%	38%
Number transferring within 150%	193	191	184	173	195	173	157	138	173
Transfer-out rate	44%	42%	39%	38%	42%	34%	36%	30%	37%

Number graduating or transferring	358	380	385	372	380	393	335	282	352
Success rate	82%	83%	83%	82%	82%	86%	77%	66%	75%

*Course Completion*

Each semester, the Provost 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:

**Completion and Pass Rates (Goal: 80% A-C Pass Rate of Completed Courses)**

Semester	FA19	SP20	FA20	SP21	FA21	SP22	FA22	SP23	FA23	SP24
# of Grades	5193	4398	5890	4984	5744	4345	5563	4597	5358	4515
A-C Pass Rate	77%	78%	59%	62%	66%	71%	71%	73%	78%	78%
A-D Pass Rate	85%	83%	66%	69%	73%	78%	79%	81%	84%	84%
Completion Rate (A-F)	92%	93%	82%	79%	87%	90%	92%	92%	94%	94%
A-C Pass Rate of Completed Courses	83%	84%	72%	78%	75%	79%	77%	80%	83%	83%