

Student Achievement

Spartanburg Methodist College regularly evaluates student success in terms of student achievement consistent with the college's mission. The college primarily evaluates enrollment, retention, graduation, transfer, and course completion data.

Our Mission

"Our mission is to equip our students with the knowledge, skills, virtues, and mindset needed to thrive personally, create positive change in their communities, and lead purposeful lives. Through a transformative liberal arts education, practical career skills, and holistic support, we empower students to confidently pursue the future they've imagined for themselves."

Enrollment Data

Total Enrollment (Goal: 1000)

Fall Semester	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Enrollment	771	737	790	837	910	1051	1043	1080	1055	1140
Three-year average	794	767	766	788	846	933	1001	1058	1059	1092

Student Retention

Fall-to-fall retention data measures the percentage 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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cohort enrollment	500	467	454	530	531	547	498	562	556	506
Number returning in the following fall	298	280	253	280	262	334	250	280	265	260
Percent returning in the following fall	60%	60%	56%	56%	49%	61%	50%	50%	48%	51%

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. The graduation rate is measured after 150% of the 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 number of 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	FA2010	FA2011	FA2012	FA2013	FA2014	FA2015	FA2016	FA2017	FA2018
Entering Cohort (adjusted)	459	466	452	465	458	440	416	467	473
Number graduating within 150%	189	201	199	185	220	178	144	179	203
Graduation rate	41%	43%	44%	40%	48%	41%	36%	38%	43%
Number transferring within 150%	191	184	173	195	173	157	138	173	157
Transfer-out rate	42%	39%	38%	42%	34%	36%	30%	37%	33%
Number graduating or transferring	380	385	372	380	393	335	282	352	360
Success rate	83%	83%	82%	82%	86%	77%	66%	75%	76%

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	FA20	SP21	FA21	SP22	FA22	SP23	FA23	SP24	FA24	SP25
# of Grades	5890	4984	5744	4345	5563	4597	5358	4515	5844	5043
A-C Pass Rate	59%	62%	66%	71%	71%	73%	78%	78%	80%	80%
A-D Pass Rate	66%	69%	73%	78%	79%	81%	84%	84%	86%	86%
Completion Rate (A-F)	82%	79%	87%	90%	92%	92%	94%	94%	96%	96%
A-C Pass Rate of Completed Courses	72%	78%	75%	79%	77%	80%	83%	83%	84%	84%