

Guidelines for Setting Course Enrollment Limits

The faculty and administration share the responsibility for offering a curriculum in which student enrollments are equitable across the curriculum. Rather than a set of regulations, however, we have relied on a working consensus between academic departments and academic administration. The following points summarize the current expectations. The lower number indicates the minimum expected course cap.

- 100 level courses (with the exception of language courses): 30-40 students
- 100 level language courses: 24-30 students
- 200 level courses: 24-40 students.
For 100-200 level course using a lecture/lab or lecture/discussion section format, the lab or discussion sections can provide the smaller classroom experience we want to provide our students while the lecture section can be larger.
- 300-400 level courses: 18-30 students.
- Gateway, Senior Seminars, and Capstone Courses: 16-20 students
- Writing Intensive Courses: 18-20 students

Classes at any level with enrollments of ten or less may be canceled and the faculty member reassigned to a new course or section.

In some instances a department can make a case that a unique lower division course warrants an enrollment limit lower than 30. A course for majors that introduces the methodology of a discipline might be an example. But in making such a case there should be a compensating spirits of quid pro quo and a willingness to take a few more students elsewhere. These lower division courses are also expected not to exceed enrollments of 40, except under the specified conditions.

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