

15.16 Class Size

It is the intent of the parties that present class size quotas for all classes offered within the District shall continue for the duration of this Agreement.

The minimum class size quota for traditionally delivered courses shall be twenty-eight (28) students per class except in cases where student safety or government regulations require a smaller class size. The maximum class size quota shall be forty-five (45) students per class. In all cases, class size quotas for individual courses shall be set based upon appropriate academic needs and through the shared governance processes established by and with the consent of the Academic Senate and the Curriculum Committee.

The minimum and maximum class size quota for online courses shall be based upon appropriate academic needs and through the shared governance processes established by and with the consent of the Academic Senate and the Curriculum Committee.

In order to avoid the cancellation of a class during a given semester or session, a class must achieve an enrollment equal to at least 60% of class size quota or 17 students, whichever is less. The Vice President for Academic Services can waive this requirement upon his/her discretion for reasons including, but not limited to, the following:

1. If a small group of students needs a certain course for graduation or program completion and no substitute course is available;
2. If a new course is inaugurated and it is believed that continuing the course with a small number of students will enhance the potential growth of the course;
3. If a course is offered that is an important part of the curriculum (e.g. part of a Program Pathway) and the instructor's class sizes in other assigned courses are above average;
4. If it is deemed wise to offer special studies, individual studies, and honors courses which naturally have a small class size.

Unit members whose classes are below the maximum class size quota are expected to add any additional students who apply to add or "crash" the course through the end of the late registration process. Individual unit members may choose to exceed the class size quota in any or all of their classes through the process of adding or "crashing" additional students into the class after the start date of a given semester or session, provided all district procedures and deadlines are followed. Only the instructor of the class can initiate such over-quota adds. Under no circumstances should a unit member add additional students to the course so that the course size at census exceeds 25% over class quota as defined in the course outline of record.