

Credit Student Enrollment Status: Spring 2002 to Spring 2004 End-of-Semester

The following table outlines the enrollment status (e.g., First Time Student, Returning Student) of Mt. SAC Credit Students. The majority of students tend to be Continuing Students. Continuing Students are those who are enrolled in the current semester and who have enrolled in the previous semester. In spring 2003, there was a large increase in Continuing Students when compared to the other semesters. At this time, the number of classes being offered and the health of the California economy were reduced. These two factors may have pushed more students to continue at College than normally seen in the other semesters. During spring 2003 and again in spring 2004, the College also saw a decrease in the number of First Time Students. Had most students entered in the fall semester and continued to the spring semester because the economy was taking a downturn?

	Spring 2002		Fall 2002		Spring 2003		Fall 2003		Spring 2004	
1 First Time Students	3015	10.8%	4679	17.9%	1606	6.4%	4507	18.4%	1352	5.7%
2 Continuing Students	16886	60.6%	15857	60.6%	19365	77.2%	15325	62.5%	18209	77.3%
3 Returning Students	1997	7.2%	1646	6.3%	1322	5.3%	1736	7.1%	1687	7.2%
4 First Time Transfer Students	2422	8.7%	2461	9.4%	1839	7.3%	2266	9.2%	1693	7.2%
5 Returning Transfer Students	574	2.1%	569	2.2%	480	1.9%	579	2.4%	526	2.2%
6 College Starter Students	2037	7.3%	650	2.5%	448	1.8%	77	0.3%	87	0.4%
7 Special Admit Students	925	3.3%	308	1.2%	38	0.2%	16	0.1%	11	0.0%
8 Unknown Admit Students	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
total	27856	100.0%	26170	100.0%	25098	100.0%	24506	100.0%	23565	100.0%
Source: ICCIS report STR907B0	6/15/2002		2/8/2003		6/14/2003		2/7/2004		6/22/2004	

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Definitions:

- 1 First-time student is a student enrolled in college for the first time after High School.
- 2 Continuing student is a student who is enrolled in the current semester and who has enrolled in the previous regular session.
- 3 Returning student is a student enrolled at Mt. SAC after an absence of one or more regular sessions without interim attendance at another college.
- 4 First-time transfer student is a student enrolled at Mt. SAC for the first time who transferred from another institution of higher education.
- 5 Returning transfer student is a student who has previously attended Mt. SAC, transferred to another college, and has now returned to Mt. SAC.
- 6 College starter student are high school juniors and seniors who would benefit from taking advanced scholastic or vocational work at Mt. SAC.
- 7 Special admit student is a gifted student enrolled in 10th or earlier grade.
- 8 Unknown admit student is a student to which Mt. SAC is not able to identify their enrollment status.

Note: Beginning in spring 2003, fewer students were classified as College Starter and Special Admit due to the discontinuation of the physical education program for high school students.