

Classroom and Lecture Availability Student Survey

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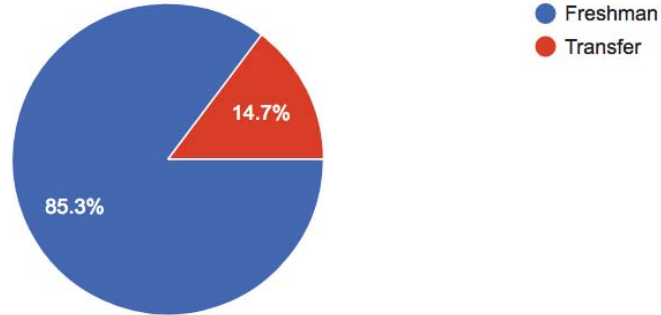
About the Survey

2,483
students

- ❖ Background
- ❖ Major information
- ❖ UCSC Coastal Campus
- ❖ 2017-2018 course availability
- ❖ General enrollment and class size
- ❖ Online course experience

Did you come to UCSC as a freshman or transfer student?

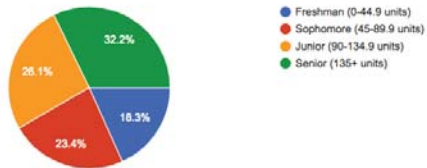
2,614 responses



Frosh/Transfer Demographic

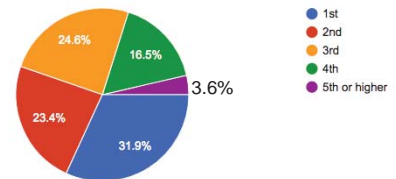
Based on units, what is your class level?

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What year are you?

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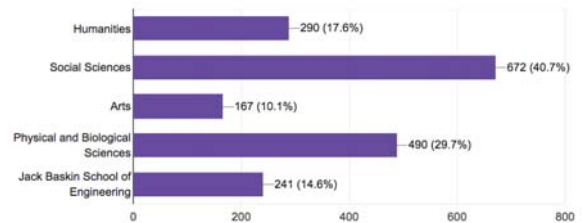


Most Represented Majors

- ❖ Psychology
- ❖ Computer Science
- ❖ Sociology
- ❖ Business Management
- ❖ Economics
- ❖ Cognitive Science

What division is your major in?

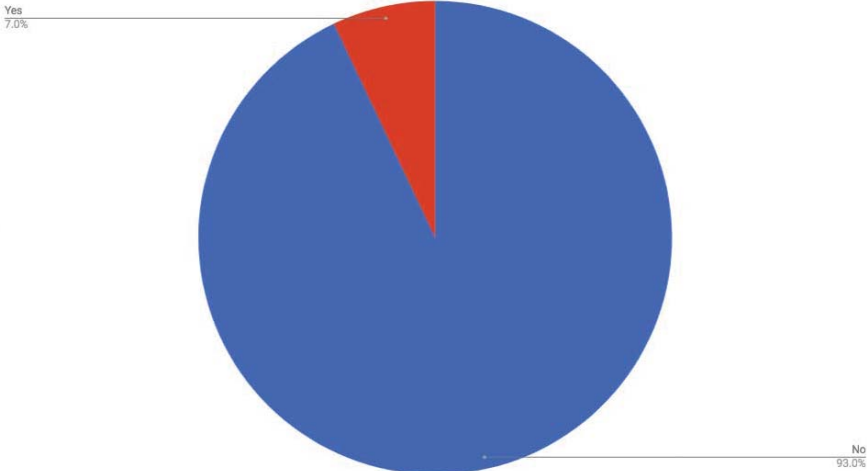
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Impact of UCSC Coastal Campus

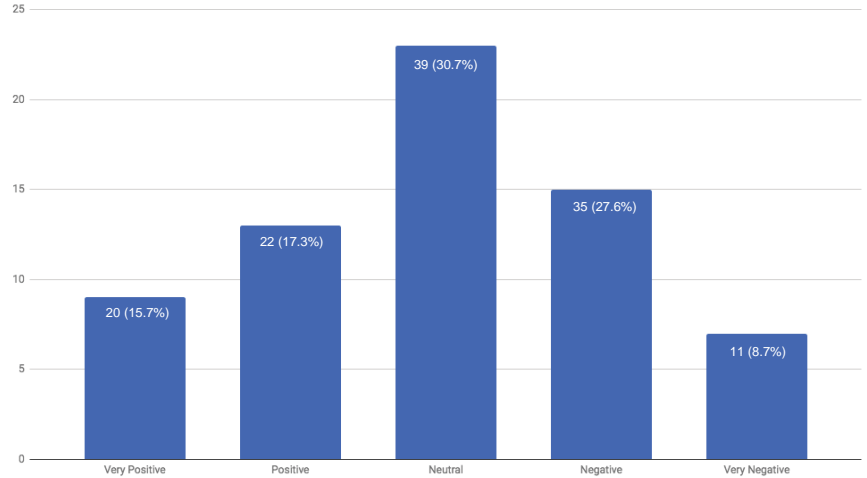
UCSC Coastal Campus

Have you attended a class at the UCSC Coastal Biology Campus?



Impact of Traveling to Coastal Campus

Please rate the impact traveling to the Coastal Biology Building has had on your educational experience.



Please explain the specific impacts traveling to the Coastal Biology Building has had on your educational experience.

- Time consuming commute (20)
- Heavy reliance on buses (and their punctuality) (27)
 - Bus schedules do not always match up with class times/unpredictable times, especially during finals (18)
 - Too few buses (17)
 - DRC vans do not commute to coastal campus
 - Classes before 9am are difficult to get to by bus (7)
 - Can no longer take back to back classes/had to take fewer classes (7)
- Lack of parking (5)
- Classrooms/campus resources lacking [printers especially] (8)
- Beautiful campus/useful resource (10)

Narratives about UCSC Coastal Campus

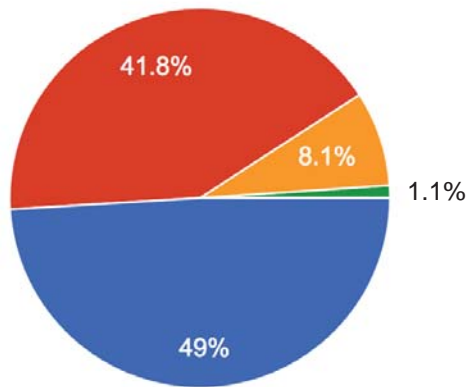
- “The buses only run every hour and take a long time to get to the destination. It wastes up to 3 hours of my time everyday to commute due to waiting for the bus (some of my classes ended right after the bus arrives and if I had to speak to a TA or professor, I missed the bus). When I missed a bus by a couple minutes, I was forced to Uber. I was also forced to uber to get to office hours or tutoring sessions when the bus was not available. I spent a lot of money for transportation. Another negative experience was the lack of food at CBB. Last quarter, I had two classes and 2 sections, twice a week (back to back) and would get really hungry. It is a real inconvenience that I am paying for a meal plan and can't use it when I am stranded at the CBB.”

Narratives about UCSC Coastal Campus

- “I had an 8 AM class right before a class at the CBB. As a result I always missed the 22, and had to take the 20, then walk the rest of the way. Normally this wouldn't be a problem, except the 22 arrives significantly earlier, so all the seats are taken at least 15 minutes before class starts. Because I showed up only 10 minutes early, I usually had to sit without a desk or on the floor which made seeing the projector screen and taking notes much more difficult. It is also very difficult to take a mixture of classes at central campus and coastal science campus. Last quarter, due to transit times I was only able to take 2 classes and two labs because everything else I was interested in had a time conflict. That said, it's generally a nice building.”

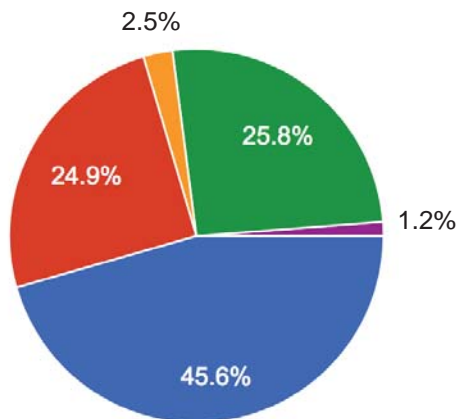
2017- 2018 Course Availability

Which of the following best describes your experience this academic year?



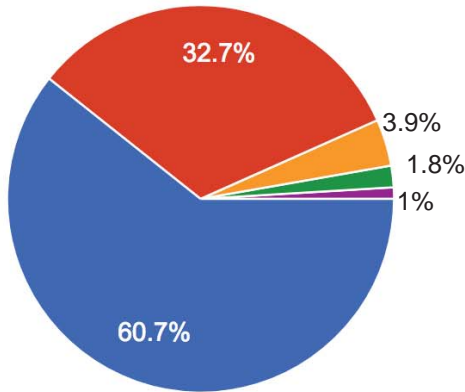
- I got all the classes that I planned/wanted
- I didn't get every class I planned/wanted but every class I took met one of the requirements for graduation (General Education or Major/Minor)
- I didn't get every class I planned/wanted so I took fewer classes than I had planned.
- N/A (leave of absence, abroad, etc.)

Did you try to register for General Education (GE) classes this academic year?



- Yes, I was able to register for all the GE classes I planned/wanted to take
- Yes, but I had to take at least 1 GE class that was not my first choice
- Yes, but I could not get into any GE classes
- No, I did not try to register for any GE classes
- N/A (leave of absence, abroad, etc.)

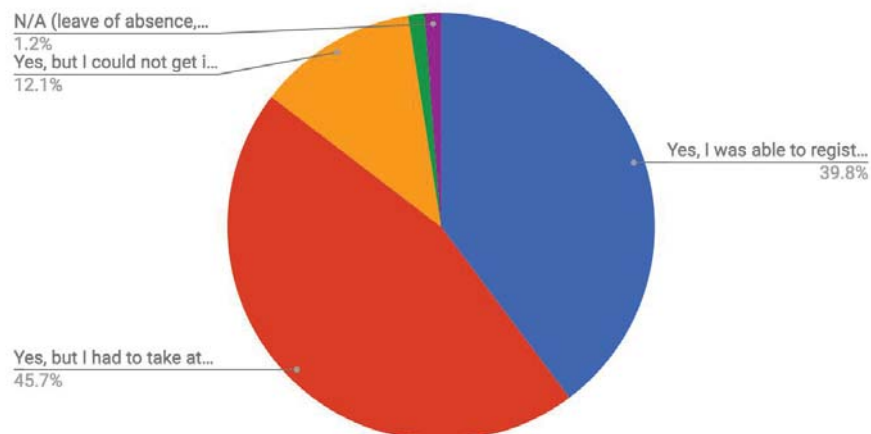
Did you try to register for classes for your Major(s) this academic year?



- Yes, I was able to register for all classes I planned/wanted to take for my Major(s)
- Yes, but I had to take at least 1 class for my Major(s) that was not my first...
- Yes, but I could not get into any classes for my Major(s)
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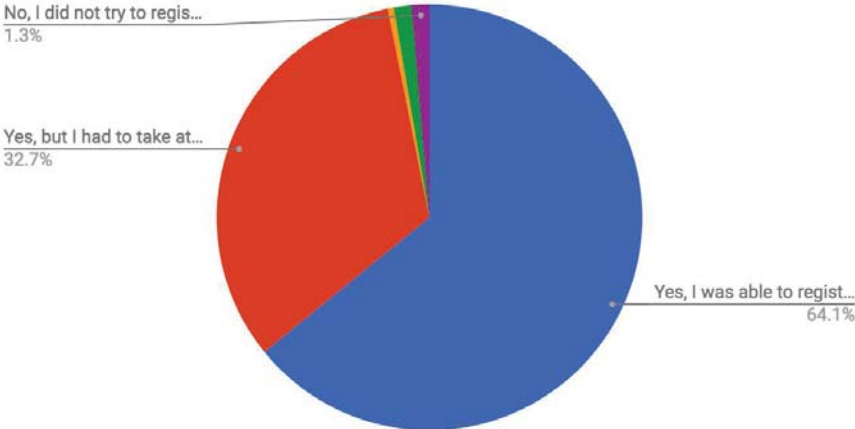
PSYC Enrollment

Did you try to register for classes for your Major(s) this academic year? Psychology Majors Only.

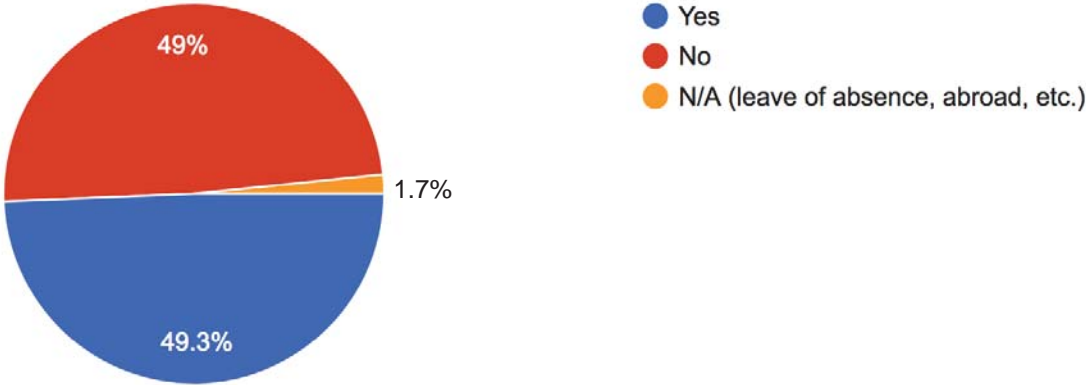


CMPS Enrollment

Did you try to register for classes for your Major(s) this academic year? CMPS Majors Only.



When enrolling for this academic year, did you enroll in a class you intended to drop if you were able to register for another class?

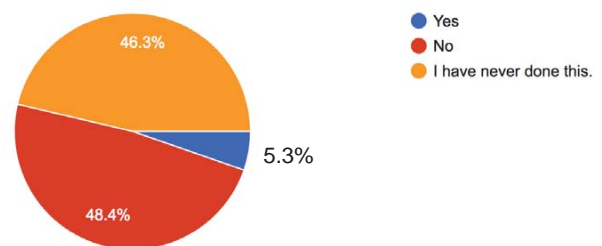


General Enrollment and Class Size

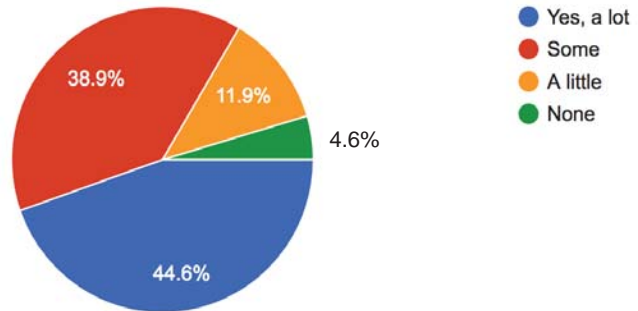
Have you ever attempted enrolling or crashing the SAME class multiple quarters and been unsuccessful?

Top 3 Courses for crashing:

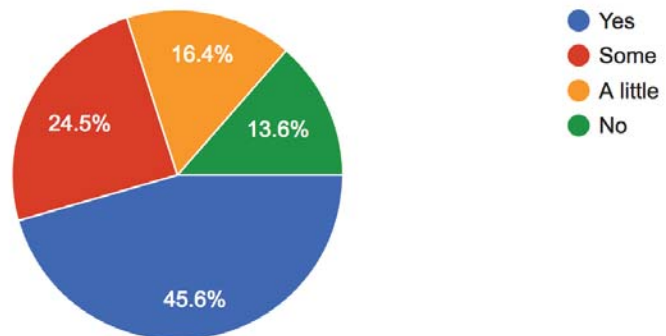
- PSYC 10
- PSYC 100
- CMPE 110



Have you experienced overcrowding in classes or sections?



Have you ever felt that the size of a class diminished from the quality of your education?



Do you have any memorable classroom experiences good or bad that were affected by classroom size or the waitlist process?

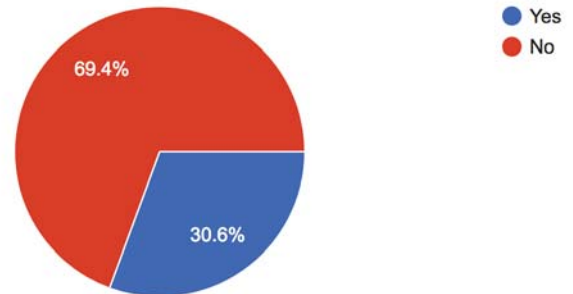
- Too many people in classes (25)
 - Tests are distracting
 - Hard to connect with professors/TA's
 - No seating/had to sit on floor
 - Difficult to focus
- PSYC 100, CHEM 1C, ECON 1
- Art Studios are too small/have too many people
- Core classes/classes <20= optimal (10)

Online Course Experience

Have you taken an online course facilitated through UCSC?

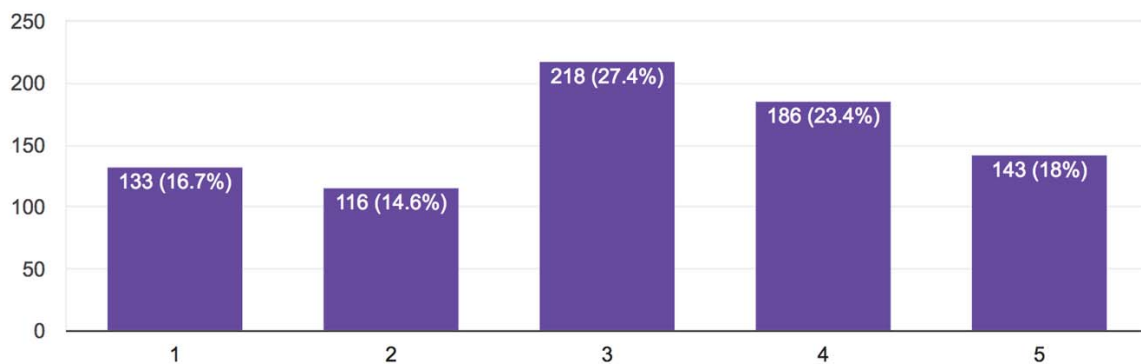
Top 5 Mentioned Courses:

- MATH 19A, 19B, 23A
- PHYS 6A
- SOCY 173A



How would you rate your experience with online courses?

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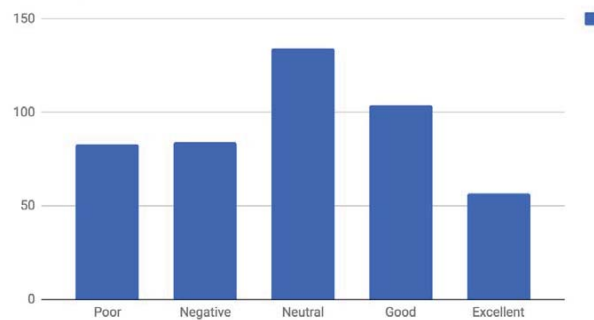


Do you have any notable experiences, good or bad, with online classes?

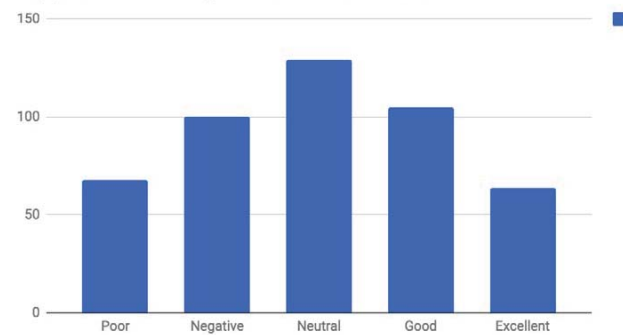
- Math 23A (9)
- Math 19A/B (8)
- Teachers hard to speak to/gain access to in person
- Online testing is terrible (5)
- ProctorU is bad (6)

MATH Satisfaction

How would you rate your experience with online courses? Math Classes.

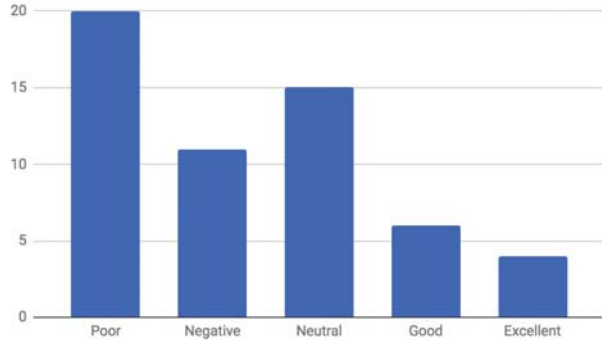


How would you rate your satisfaction of curriculum and academic support accessibility in these courses? Math Classes.

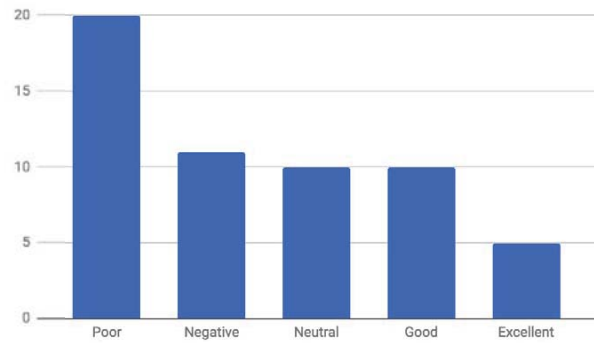


PHYS Satisfaction

How would you rate your experience with online courses? Physics Classes.

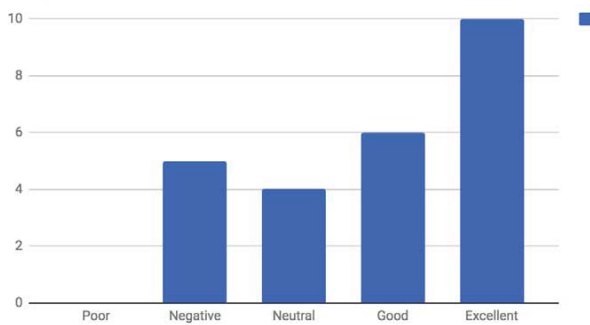


How would you rate your satisfaction of curriculum and academic support accessibility in these courses? Physics Classes.

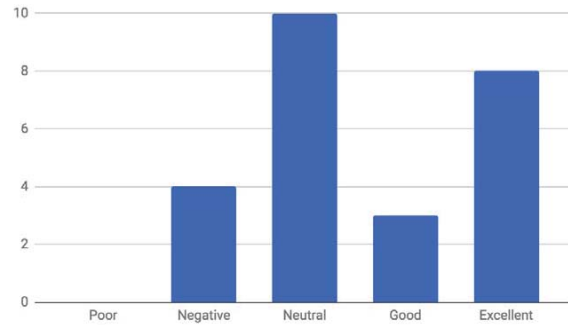


SOCY 173A Satisfaction

How would you rate your experience with online courses? SOCY 173A.



How would you rate your satisfaction of curriculum and academic support accessibility in these courses? SOCY 173A.



Narratives about Online Courses

- “ The online math courses do not provide sufficient instruction. They make the material more confusing. The online system is confusing and led to many students losing points to technical errors. The online course format requires that tests have no partial credit which does not make much sense for the level of math that is being run on these online courses.”

Narratives about Online Courses

- “ Online classes are not fair to students who prefer in person classes when the only option for a class in a given quarter is an online class. My 3 worst grades in college are in the 3 online classes I have taken because this method of learning did not work well for me. However, I was forced to take these classes online to avoid falling behind in my major coursework. MATH 23A is especially egregious for being offered in person only one quarter every year.”

Questions?

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