

Data Focus of the Month - February 2019



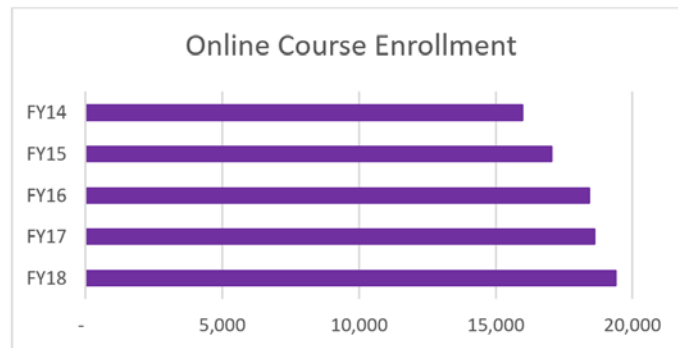
Online courses offer an opportunity for students to learn beyond the bricks and mortar of classrooms, often at their own pace, and at the times of the day that fit best into their schedule. During the last fiscal year, FY18, over 19,000 students were enrolled in 231 different credit courses. In addition, the College now offers five degrees completely online: business, computer science and technologies, criminal justice, general studies, and early childhood education technology. The College was recently ranked the 12th best online community college program in the country by [Best Colleges](#).

Enrollment in online courses continues to grow, with the FY18 enrollment 21 percent higher than the enrollment in FY14. The top three enrolled courses in FY18 were General Psychology–PSYCH 102, Introduction to Sociology–SOCY 100, and Critical Reading, Writing, and Research–ENGL 102. Human Growth and Development during the Life Span–PSYC 203 and Elements of Statistics–MATH 117 rounded off the top five.

Students in online courses generally pass at about the same rate as students in on-campus courses. For example, in the spring 2018 semester, the online course success rate was 73.7 percent compared to 77.8 for on-campus courses.

Enrollment is also growing in extended winter term, which features only online credit courses that begin in December. More than 60 sections were offered in the term beginning in December 2018 and had nearly 900 enrollments, an increase in enrollments of 42 percent over 2017. Success in these courses is higher than traditional semesters, with 83 percent of the students succeeding during this this extended winter term.

Another area of growth is in “blended courses,” that is, courses that are taught partially online and partially on campus. Over 5,000 students chose to enroll in such courses during FY18.



Top 10 Highest Enrolled Online Courses Fiscal Year 2018

COURSE	STUDENTS
General Psychology–PSYCH 102.....	859
Introduction to Sociology–SOCY 100.....	596
Critical Reading, Writing, and Research–ENGL 102.....	547
Human Growth and Development during the Life Span–PSYC 203	539
Elements of Statistics–MATH 117	527
Introduction to College Writing–ENGL 101	364
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