

Dear Colleagues, the following new tables for the 2007-2008 Enrolment Report are now available:

**Table 20: Average Class Size for Entry-Level German Language Courses in Fall 2007 at 45 Universities**

In the past two enrolment reports (2006-07 and 2007-08), I have included a report on the average class size for first-year German courses, based on both first and second semesters (see Table 14). In the meantime, it has been pointed out to me that this figure is perhaps not as important as the average size of just the first-term classes, since that is where the large numbers more frequently occur, before they are diluted by the smaller second-semester numbers. I therefore conducted an interim survey in fall 2008. On Table 14 the average class size range was 10-46, with a median of 23 and a mean of 23. When just the fall term entry courses are considered, the range is 11-93, with a median of 24 and a mean of 27. When the exceptionally large class of 93 is omitted, the mean becomes 25.

**Table 21: Enrolment Cap per Section for First-Year German Language Courses at 45 Universities**

This table has been prepared in response to the recent discussion online regarding class size and enrolment caps. The enrolment caps for first-year German language courses range from 24 to 120, with a median of 30 and a mean of 34. When the exceptionally large cap of 120 is omitted, the mean becomes 32.

The survey also asked who set the caps. The answers can be grouped as follows: by the department (7), by the dean (5), by the head (3), by the head and instructor (2), by the instructor (1), by the head and the language coordinator and the dean (1), by the department and the dean (1), by the registrar and the dean(1), by the admin staff and head and section head (1), and by the administration (1).

The survey also asked whether departments were in agreement with the cap. The four units with a cap of 24 were in agreement, as was one with 25. One with a cap of 30 may lower it next year to 25, having found the classes too large. Eleven with caps of 30 or higher find the classes too large but cannot afford to offer more sections. Three mentioned 25 as the preferred size and one preferred 15-20.

**Table 22: Number of Sections, Cap per Section, and Class-Size Range in Fall 2007 Entry-Level German Courses, with Average Class Size for Regular and Special Sections**

This table shows the number of sections offered at each university, since the number of sections sometimes is a determining factor in the setting of the cap. St. F. X., for example, had a cap of 50 because it offered only one section of German. It set the cap large enough so it would not have to turn students away. Similarly Guelph offered only one section of German and set the cap at 120.

The range is given here to identify small sections and large sections that are not evident in the average. Many units had at least one small section that reduced the overall average. When all four sections at Wilfrid Laurier, for example, are averaged together, the class-size average is 35 (see Table 20), but when the small distance ed section with an enrolment of 12 is removed, the average class size of the regular sections is 43. The 47 at Wilfrid Laurier also represents the second largest class, after Guelph's class of 93. Units reported reasons for small sections among their regular sections, such as the last-minute addition of a section to accommodate overflow. Others had small sections in the evenings, which are not listed separately here because they had the same cap as the other sections.

The average class sizes differ on this table from the averages on Table 20 for some units. Where the department has a different cap for special sections, the average class sizes for regular and special sections are given separately.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcella Rollmann  
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**Table 20**  
**Average Class Size for Entry-Level German Language Courses in Fall 2007 at 45 Universities**

Augustana	11
Bishop's	13
Mt.St.Vin.	13
Trinity W.	13
Simon Fr.	16
Lakehead	17
Trent	18
Queen's	19
Brandon	21
UBC	22
UTM	22
Waterloo	22
York	22
Acadia	23
Dalhousie	23
Lethbridge	23
Manitoba	23
PEI	23
Toronto	23
Athabasca	24
Carleton	24
Regina	24
W.Ontario	24
Alberta	26
McGill	26
Concordia	26
UNB	27
Calgary	28
Laval	28
Memorial	28
Laurentian	29
McMaster	29
Montreal	29
Mt.Allison	29
Winnipeg	30
Victoria	31
Ottawa	31
Windsor	33
UQAM	35
Sask.	35
W.Laurier	35
St. F.X.	37
Brock	39
St.Mary's	40
Guelph*	93

  

Range	11-93
Median	24
Mean	27

\*Classes meet twice a week in the large class (prof. taught) and twice a week in seminars capped at 15 (PAD taught)

This table was generated from an interim survey conducted in fall 2008. Whereas Table 14 in the May 2008 survey reports the average class size for first-year German courses when the whole year is considered, Table 20 is restricted to the fall term entry-level courses.

When the exceptionally large class size of 93 is omitted, the range becomes 11-40, with a median of 24 and a mean of 25.

**Table 21**  
**Enrolment Cap per Section for First-Year German Language Courses at 45 Universities**

Augustana	24
Carleton	24
Trinity W.	24
Waterloo	24
Laval	25
Mt.St.Vin.	25
Simon Fr.	25
Toronto	25
Regina	28
Alberta	30
Bishop's	30
Brandon	30
UBC	30
Calgary	30
Manitoba	30
McGill	30
McMaster	30
Mt.Allison	30
Trent	30
W.Ontario	30
Winnipeg	30
Athabasca	32
Acadia	32
Dalhousie	32
Lethbridge	32
Montreal	32
York	32
Concordia	35
Lakehead	35
UNB	35
Ottawa	35
UQAM	35
Victoria	35
Windsor	35
Brock	39
St.Mary's	40
Sask.	40
Memorial	44
W.Laurier	45
St. F.X.	50
Guelph	120
PEI	n.d.
UTM	n.d.
Laurentian	None necessary
Queen's	None necessary

  

Range	24-120
Median	30
Mean	34

This table was generated from an interim survey conducted in fall 2008.

The following caps for special sections were not included in this table:

For intensive sections, Concordia has a cap of 22 and McGill has a cap of 25.

For distance education sections, Wilfrid Laurier has a cap of 25, Memorial has a cap of 40, and Waterloo has a cap of 80.

When the exceptionally large cap of 120 is omitted, the median remains 30 and the mean becomes 32.

**Table 22**  
**Number of Sections, Cap per Section, and Class-Size Range in Fall 2007 Entry-Level German Courses, with Average Class Size for Regular and Special Sections\***

University	Number of Sections	Cap per Section	Range	Average Class Size
1 Acadia	6	32	17-29	23
2 Alberta	7	30	19-29	26
3 Athabasca	1	32	24	24
4 Augustana	3	24	7-14	11
5 Bishop's	2	30	10-15	13
6 Brandon	1	30	21	21
7 UBC	12	30	12-28	22
8 Brock	2	39	39-39	39
9 Calgary	4	30	23-30	28
10 Carleton	2 regular	24	24-26	25
	1 intensive	24	21	21
11 Concordia	4 regular	35	24-31	27
	1 intensive	22	19	19
12 Dalhousie	5	32	17-29	23
13 Guelph	1	120	93	93
14 Lakehead	1	35	17	17
15 Laurentian	1	None	29	29
16 Laval	4	25	27-29	28
17 Lethbridge	2	32	20-25	23
18 Manitoba	4	30	17-30	23
19 McGill	5 regular	30	18-30	26
	1 intensive	25	25	25
20 McMaster	2	30	28-30	29
21 Memorial	4 regular	44	22-38	30
	1 distance ed	40	19	19
22 Montreal	3	32	26-32	29
23 Mt.Allison	2	30	28-29	29
24 Mt.St.Vin.	1	25	13	13
25 UNB	4	35	18-34	27
26 Ottawa	7	35	24-35	31
27 PEI	1	n.d.	23	23
28 UQAM	3	35	n.d.	35
29 Queen's	7	None	10-31	19
30 Regina	3	28	22-27	24
31 St. F.X.	1	50	37	37
32 St.Mary's	2	40	39-40	40
33 Sask.	3	40	31-39	35
34 Simon Fr.	4	25	12-22	16
35 Toronto	7	25	12-29	23
36 Trent	3	30	14-21	18
37 Trinity W.	1	24	13	13
38 Victoria	4	35	28-34	31
39 Waterloo	7 regular	24	19-24	21
	1 distance ed	80	27	27
40 W.Ontario	5	30	13-29	24
41 W.Laurier	3 regular	45	40-47	43
	1 distance ed	1	12	12
42 Windsor	3	35	29-35	33
43 Winnipeg	2	30	29-30	30
44 York	6	32	n.d.	22

This table was created in November 2008 through a mini-survey as an addendum to the May 2008 enrolment report.

\*Two average enrolments are given for universities that have different caps for special sections.