

## Enrollment Maximums for Online Courses at NC Community Colleges

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| COLLEGE           | MAX FOR ONLINE COURSES   |
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| AB Tech           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max lower for online than for on-campus classes.</li> </ul>   |
| Alamance          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 15 for first time classes and English classes</li> <li>▪ Max of 20 for all other courses.</li> </ul>   |
| Beaufort          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 18.</li> </ul>   |
| Bladen            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 20. (Stretched to 25 this year because of enrollment.)</li> </ul>  |
| Blue Ridge        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same as on-campus classes (with some flexibility for instructor to negotiate different max).</li> </ul>   |
| Caldwell          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 25. (Will reevaluate policy next year.)</li> <li>▪ Courses with more than 25 students are weighted at 1.5 or 2.0 times the contact hours for faculty teaching load.</li> </ul> |
| Cape Fear         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max ranges from 16-30 (compared to range of 20-35 for on-campus courses).</li> </ul>  |
| Carteret          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 20.</li> </ul>   |
| Central Carolina  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 25.</li> <li>▪ Courses with more than 25 students are weighted at 1.5 or 2.0 times the contact hours for faculty teaching load.</li> </ul>                                     |
| Cleveland         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 20.</li> </ul>   |
| Durham Tech       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 15 for first time courses.</li> <li>▪ Max of 20 for all others (compared to 30-40 in on-campus courses).</li> <li>▪ Max of 50 for telecourses.</li> </ul>                      |
| Edgecombe         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max ranges from 10-60, depending on the course.</li> </ul>  |
| Fayetteville Tech | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 25, same as traditional course (faculty council considering recommendation to lower this max).</li> </ul>  |
| Forsyth           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 20 for first time courses.</li> <li>▪ Max of 25 for others.</li> <li>▪ An instructor with 40 students is paid for double sections.</li> </ul>                                  |
| Gaston            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 15 for first time courses.</li> <li>▪ Range of 15-25 for all others.</li> </ul>  |
| Guilford Tech     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 20-25.</li> </ul>  |
| Halifax           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Range of 15-25.</li> <li>▪ Range of 10-15 for first time instructors.</li> <li>▪ Instructors set the enrollment limits.</li> </ul>  |
| Isothermal        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Current max is 25. Working on revised policy which may lower the max. Considering "sliding scale" with credit load based on number of students in the online class.</li> </ul>        |
| James Sprunt      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 15 for first time online classes.</li> <li>▪ Max of 20 for all others. (On-campus max range is 25-30.)</li> </ul>  |
| Johnston          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 20-25.</li> <li>▪ For NCIH, max of 10 per site, up to 30 total.</li> </ul>   |

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|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Instructor sets caps.</li> </ul>  |
| Martin           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max ranges from 8 – 20 (same as traditional classes).</li> </ul>  |
| Mayland          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Instructors help determine class size.</li> <li>▪ Depends on the class, i.e. lower for English than for psychology.</li> </ul>  |
| Nash             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same as for on-campus classes.</li> </ul>   |
| Pitt             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 25 for online.</li> </ul>  |
| Randolph         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 20 for first time classes.</li> <li>▪ Max of 25 general ed/college transfer courses (24 in English).</li> <li>▪ Max of 20 for all other online courses.</li> </ul>                                   |
| Roanoke-Chowan   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 15 for writing intensive courses. Info Sys courses 20-25. (In general, online courses have max of 25-50% lower than on-campus)</li> <li>▪ General max of 20 vs. 25 for on-campus courses.</li> </ul> |
| Southwestern     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lower caps for first time classes or instructors.</li> </ul>  |
| South Piedmont   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 15 for first time classes or instructors.</li> <li>▪ Max of 20 for others.</li> <li>▪ These caps have been stretched lately to 25-30.</li> </ul>   |
| Stanley          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 20.</li> </ul>   |
| Tri-County       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 15. (On-campus max range is 25-30.)</li> </ul>   |
| Vance-Granville  | <p>Max of 20. (Average cap for on-campus classes is 30.)</p>   |
| Wayne            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 20</li> </ul>  |
| Wake Tech        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No policy on caps for online courses, generally lower caps than for on-campus counterpart.</li> <li>▪ Most have max of 20; some instructors have allowed a max of 22 (highest).</li> </ul>                  |
| Western Piedmont | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Range for online courses is 16-40, generally same as on-campus.</li> </ul>  |
| Wilkes           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 20-25.</li> </ul>  |
| Wilson           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max of 10 for first time online classes.</li> <li>▪ Max of 18-20 for other online classes.</li> <li>▪ Max of 30 for telecourses courses.</li> </ul>   |