

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Course Audits* is the official record of the number of courses and students taught by ladder rank payroll faculty. The 1996-97 edition showed an overall increase in the number of courses taught by ladder rank payroll faculty in regularly scheduled and individual studies courses. Although there was an increase in student enrollments, the ratio of enrollments per ladder rank payroll faculty dropped due to an increase in faculty FTE. The highlights of this year's edition include:

- The **number of courses taught per ladder rank payroll faculty FTE** (full-time equivalent) increased from 3.8 in 1995-96 to 3.9 courses per ladder rank payroll faculty in 1996-97. Compared to last year, the ratios for the Natural Sciences and the Humanities divisions remained constant at 3.5 and 4.0, respectively. The ratios increased for the Arts division (from 4.3 to 4.5) and for the Social Sciences division (from 4.0 to 4.3). The average number of courses taught per faculty member in 1996-97 was above the five-year average.
- The campus **ratio of regular enrollments to ladder rank payroll faculty FTE** decreased by 3% (from 141.7 to 137.3) even though the student enrollment increased by 3%. The Arts division increased its course enrollments in regularly scheduled classes by 19% (from 3,791.9 to 4,514.3 FTE). This increased their regular enrollments to payroll faculty FTE ratio from 126.5 in 1995-96 to 138.3. In contrast, the ratio for the Natural Sciences division dropped from 122.6 to 114.3 and the Social Sciences division from 185.6 to 176.6. The campus and all divisions were below their 5-year averages (the Natural Sciences division was below their 5-year average by 16%).
- **Individual study enrollments per ladder rank payroll faculty FTE** was the lowest it's been over the last nine years (11.6 per payroll FTE). Compared with 1995-96, the Natural Sciences division decreased from 14.0 to 11.0. The ratio for the other divisions showed slight increases (Arts from 7.4 to 8.4, Humanities from 9.2 to 10.0 and Social Sciences from 14.8 to 15.2).
- The **number of regularly scheduled courses taught by ladder rank payroll faculty FTE** increased from last year in every division; the campus total increased by 104 courses. Social Sciences and Natural Sciences ladder rank payroll faculty offered more courses than last year (44 and 36, respectively). The largest increases in the number of courses taught were in the departments of Music (from 27 to 42), Environmental Studies (from 31 to 42) and Literature (from 87 to 97). The departments with the greatest declines were History (from 73 to 67) and American Studies (from 24 to 19). The **number of students enrolled in courses taught by ladder rank payroll faculty** increased by a total of 1,487 students. This was 4,105 students lower than the 5-year average (48,875). All divisions showed increases in 1996-97, but were all below their 5-year average.
- The methodology in reporting **classes with enrollments below the minimum class size** does not exclude class with less than five (5) course credits or classes taught by non ladder rank faculty. Departments and programs that offered the most **classes with enrollments below the minimum class size** criteria were Music (13), Earth Sciences (7), Physics (6), and Greek Literature (6).