

RESEARCH BRIEF

Seat Utilization by NOVA Campus: Fall 2017

The following are seat utilization rates across NOVA campuses for Fall 2017. The seat utilization rate is calculated by dividing the number of students enrolled in the section by the room capacity, or the number of seats that fit in the classroom. The following types of classes/sections have been excluded: cancelled classes, Extended Learning Institute (ELI, distance learning) sections, off-campus venue sections, auditoriums, zero-credit labs, applied music courses (private lessons), music ensemble courses, and courses designated as internships, on-the-job training, or independent study.¹

Table 1. Total Seat Utilization by NOVA Campus: Fall 2017

Campus	Enrolled	Room Capacity	# Empty Seats	Utilization Rate
AL	18,706	31,471	12,765	59.4%
AN	36,869	64,480	27,611	57.2%
LO	15,937	22,292	6,355	71.5%
MA	15,581	23,975	8,394	65.0%
ME	2,582	4,944	2,362	52.2%
WO	16,077	24,643	8,566	65.2%
College	105,752	171,805	66,053	61.6%

Table 2. Top Five Disciplines with Highest Seat Utilization Rates by Campus: Fall 2017

Campus	Discipline	Rate	Discipline	Rate	Discipline	Rate	Discipline	Rate	Discipline	Rate
AL	Civil Eng. Tech. (CIV)	96.3%	Info. Tech. (ITE)	95.6%	Natural Sci. (NAS)	90.0%	Auto Body (AUB)	87.5%	Arabic (ARA)	79.3%
AN	Dietetics (DIT)	86.3%	Info. Tech. (ITE)	84.6%	Geography (GEO)	83.2%	Computer Sci. (CSC)	81.4%	Korean (KOR)	76.4%
LO	Info. Tech. (ITE)	90.2%	Computer Sci. (CSC)	89.4%	Envir. Sci. (ENV)	87.6%	Dev. Eng. (ENF)	87.2%	English (ENG)	86.0%
MA	Diesel (DSL)	98.3%	Information Tech. (ITE)	88.9%	Welding (WEL)	87.6%	Information Tech. (ITD)	87.5%	Info. Tech. (ITP)	87.5%
ME	Dent. Hyg. (DNH)	88.4%	Rad. Onc. (ROC)	83.3%	Diag. Med. Sono. (DMS)	74.8%	Occ. Ther. (OCT)	68.5%	Dent. Assist (DNA)	67.3%
WO	Geology (GOL)	95.8%	Computer Sci. (CSC)	90.7%	Philosophy (PHI)	87.2%	Envir. Science (ENV)	84.7%	Biology (BIO)	83.6%

¹ The following internship/on-the-job training/independent study courses were excluded using course numbers: 90, 190, 290 for Coordinated Internship, 96, 196, 296 for On-Site Training, 97, 197, 297 for Cooperative Education, 98, 198, 298 for Seminar and Project, and 99, 199, 299 for Supervised Study.