

Hello Gators!

Happy end of the semester! I trust that you are busy finishing up final papers or studying for final exams. I know this can be a stressful time and all of us at SF State, faculty and staff, are here to support and guide you through this incredible intellectual journey called college.

I realize that many of you have begun registering for spring classes, and you may have heard that we are offering fewer classes than spring 2023. It's true, that in spring 2024 we will be offering about 11% fewer classes than spring 2023. It is also true that we have the smallest number of students since 1979. In fact, we have 20% fewer students than our peak in 2018 when we had close to 30,000 students. The declining number of students is no one's fault. It is the result of changing demographics in California and, to an extent, the lingering consequences of the pandemic. Despite having almost 6,000 fewer students, we remain a thriving large university of over 20,000 students. And, we must now align the number of classes we offer with the actual number of students we have on this campus.

We want to do this with as little impact to students as possible. Departments are working hard to make certain that they are offering the classes you need to advance toward graduation. For sure, there may be fewer sections of a class with multiple sections or fewer electives in a department that still has a selection of some electives. The spring schedule continues to be a work-in-progress. We are watching how classes are filling and adding courses if needed. I promise you that we will make sure that your academic progress will not be impeded.

If you experience any issues, please reach out to the chair of your department. If you are still undeclared or in-between majors you can visit the [advising center](#). You can schedule an appointment [here](#). If you have additional questions, you can also reach out to your college dean, to me at sueyoshi@sfsu.edu, or even to President Mahoney at lynnmahoney@sfsu.edu.

I remember decades ago when I was a student, I often felt pulled away from my books as I was navigating a myriad of demands around me, including my mental health. I urge you to stay strong and focused toward earning your degree, even as forces will try to pull you away from your studies. If you need a little bit of additional strength from us, don't be afraid to ask for assistance. Your academic success remains our priority.

Sending you all my very best!



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