

**Policy number:** 202

**Subject/Title:** Maximum Students in Class

**Effective Date:** Spring 2011

**Policy Statement:** Courses required for any degree plan, including recommended minors and breadth courses, with enrollment of over 50 students will be divided into additional sections. The department will open a second section of the course in the same term or implement a teaching plan with a student to faculty ratio of less than or equal to 50:1 (for example, multiple faculty might share the same section and lectures but be responsible for a smaller number of students in group activities and grading). Exceptions can be granted through application to the dean's office. This policy applies to in-person, online and ITV courses.

**Reason for Policy:** The proposed policy is regarding courses that are required for a degree plan. Courses will be offered equitably to students at all campuses on a schedule that supports progress toward completion of a degree program. However, the UTHealth School of Public Health seeks to maintain a quality teaching/learning environment, and classes should contain a maximum of 50 students per class.

**Definitions:** N/A

**Scope and Audience:** All UTHealth SPH faculty and students

**Responsibilities and Procedures:** Department Chairs/Department Curriculum Committees

**Related Policies, Forms and Information:**

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