I.4. The maximum class size of 50 for undergraduate courses is enforced.

The policy of class size is provided in the USM Code, Book III (The Academic Affairs), Article 178.

Article 178. Class Size

Section 1. The prescribed class size, under normal condition, in the undergraduate and graduate levels shall be as follows:

Curricular Level	Numbers of Students per Class	
	Minimum	Maximum
1) Graduate level	5 students	30 students
1) Undergraduate level		
(a) Lecture class	25 students	45 students
(b) Laboratory class	20 students	30 students

Section 2. Faculty members whose students exceed the maximum number of students for a class as approved by the VPAA and set in the preceding section may be compensated subject to the existing policies and regulations of the University, without prejudice on the rights of the faculty concerned. However, the maximum number of students in a class may vary according to issuances as sanctioned by the University.

Section 3. If the excess number based on the maximum class size is equal to the minimum class requirement, a new class section may be opened, upon the recommendation of the Dean to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Section 4. During the occurrence of fortuitous events or acts of God, classes for both lecture and laboratory may be conducted on a mode as deemed applicable by the University officials.

Section 5. To warrant the opening of a requested class for a particular course, the class size may be allowed to fall below the prescribed minimum, provided that the requesting student(s) shall pay the prescribed total amount of tuition and other fees required for the purpose, unless such fees are exempted by virtue of law or existing policy. Correspondingly, for requested classes, the maximum class size shall be twenty (20) for lecture and laboratory classes. Any deviation from the above prescriptions shall be subject to the approval of the VPAA.

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USM FACULTY : STUDENT RATIO				
FY	**Enrollees (A)**	**FACULTY (PERMANENT&COS) (B)**	**STUDENT (A/B)**	**FACULTY :STUDENT**
FY-2025	19329	589	33	1: 33
FY-2026	19068	605	32	1: 32
FY-2027	19517	527	37	1: 37

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Faculty – Student ratio for 3 school years.