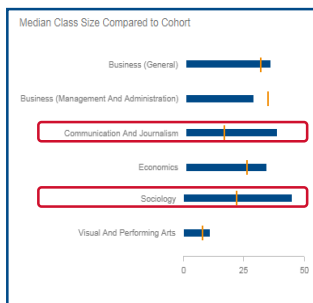
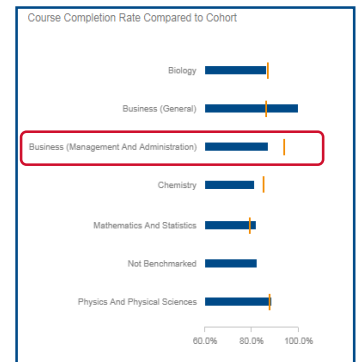


Three Ways APS Benchmarks Can Elevate Your Academic Planning Decisions

Leverage the APS Benchmarks Dashboard to compare your institution's data to peers on key departmental metrics. Further your analyses by digging into the APS Dashboard to pinpoint specific courses.

1 Prioritize Course Completion Improvement in Lower Division Courses

- ▶ In the Benchmarks Dashboard, click on the Department – Course Completion Tab, filter Course Division by Lower Division, and use the **Course Completion Rate Compared to Cohort** report to identify which of your institution's departments are lower than the benchmark.
- ▶ In the APS Dashboard, click on the Students Tab, filter Course Division by Lower Division, and select only the departments of interest in the Department Name filter. Use the **Courses with the Highest Unearned Credit Hours** report to identify specific courses with improvement opportunities and drill into section-level data to understand variation within each course.



2 Identify Opportunities to Invest in Upper Division Classes

- ▶ In the Benchmarks Dashboard, click on the Department – Course Planning Tab, filter Course Division by Upper Division, and use the **Median Class Size Compared to Cohort** report to pinpoint which of your departments have larger class sizes than the cohort.
- ▶ In the APS Dashboard, click on the Courses Tab, filter course division by Upper Division and Department Name by the departments of interest. Use the **Median Class Size vs. Set Class Capacity Trends** report to determine if the trend is consistent over time, or if classes recently increased in size. Use the **Median Class Size vs Set Class Capacity by Course Type** report to pinpoint which course types are driving the trend.

3 Understand Changes in Enrollment at Your Institution Compared to the Market

- ▶ In the Benchmarks Dashboard, click on the Department – Enrollments Tab, and use the **Trends in 3 Year Average Growth of Attempted Credit Hours Per Student** table to compare your institution's departments to the cohort median and determine if your changes are consistent with peers or unique to your institution.
- ▶ In the APS Dashboard, click on the Department Scorecard Tab and use the **Department Level Comparison of Demand vs Capacity** report to understand if there are already existing constraints or excess capacity within departments with significant enrollment changes.

Trends in 3 Yr Average Growth of Student Enrollment				
Academic Year	→	2016		
Benchmark Departn	Instn	3 Yr Avg	Δ	# of Cohort M
History		-4.9%		
Visual And Perform		-4.2%		
Not Benchmarked		-3.5%		
Political Science An		-3.0%		
English Language A		-2.8%		
Biology		-2.3%		
Psychology		-2.2%		
Economics		-2.1%		
Chemistry		-1.2%		
Physics And Physic		-0.9%		
Mathematics And Si		-0.0%		