

Southern College of Optometry

Profile of the 2025 Entering Class

Total Entrants	140
Number of Applicants	746
Mean Overall GPA	3.68
Mean Prerequisite GPA	3.64

Mean OAT 332

Regional Students	52	Male	43
Non-Regional Students	88	Female	97
Minority Students	37	Single	130
International Students	7	Married	10
Age Range	21-33	Mean Age	22.7
Bachelor's or Higher Degree	137	States Represented	38

OAT Mean Scores by Category

Academic Average	332	Biology	331
Quantitative Reasoning	343	General Chemistry	330
Reading Comprehension	354	Organic Chemistry	326
Physics	303	Total Science	323

Academic Profiles for Students from Regional States

	<i>Mean OAT Academic Average</i>	<i>Mean Overall GPA</i>		<i>Mean OAT Academic Average</i>	<i>Mean Overall GPA</i>
Arkansas	323	3.71	Mississippi	309	3.62
Georgia	344	3.73	South Carolina	330	3.75
Kansas	347	3.72	Tennessee	331	3.77
Louisiana	320	3.65	West Virginia	300	3.60
<i>Regional</i>	<i>329</i>	<i>3.73</i>	<i>Non-Regional</i>	<i>334</i>	<i>3.65</i>

Profile of Entering Classes Since 2016

Year	Applicants	Entrants	Mean GPA	Mean OAT	B.S. Degree or Higher	Mean Age	Females	Married	Minorities
2016	877	136	3.53	328	135 (99%)	23.2	85 (63%)	15 (11%)	29 (21%)
2017	821	136	3.56	331	134 (99%)	22.9	91 (67%)	17 (13%)	29 (21%)
2018	714	133	3.53	329	131 (98%)	23.1	80 (60%)	22 (17%)	22 (17%)
2019	762	135	3.61	336	135 (100%)	23.1	96 (71%)	18 (13%)	36 (27%)
2020	812	136	3.65	335	135 (99%)	23.0	90 (66%)	17 (13%)	24 (18%)
2021	747	136	3.66	338	136 (100%)	22.6	95 (70%)	10 (7%)	38 (28%)
2022	806	133	3.69	335	132 (99%)	23.0	89 (67%)	20 (15%)	38 (29%)
2023	674	134	3.68	333	134 (100%)	23.0	92 (69%)	19 (14%)	37 (27%)
2024	765	140	3.68	339	140 (100%)	22.9	88 (63%)	13 (9%)	46 (33%)
2025	746	140	3.68	332	137 (98%)	22.7	97 (69%)	10 (7%)	37 (26%)

SCO Board Passage Rates

	Part I: Applied Basic Science		Part II: Patient Assessment & Management	
	<u>SCO</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>SCO</u>	<u>National</u>
Class of 2025	87%	66%	97%	87%
Class of 2024	81%	66%	95%	84%
Class of 2023	77%	64%	94%	83%
Class of 2022	76%	72%	83%	85%
Class of 2021	87%	78%	95%	89%
Class of 2020	91%	77%	96%	90%
Class of 2019	89%	76%	98%	90%
Class of 2018	83%	73%	96%	90%
Class of 2017	90%	78%	97%	88%
Class of 2016	89%	77%	97%	88%
Class of 2015	86%	78%	97%	92%

Passage rates refer to first-time test takers at SCO and do not represent the total number who eventually passed on future exam dates. The national passage rate refers to the first time test takers, as well.