What Is an “Open Section” and Why Is It Important?

An OPEN section:

- PSYCHOLOGY 130 S 101 DIS
- Course Title: Clinical Psychology (catalog description)
- Location: M 9-10A, 2301 TOLMAN
- Instructor: THE STAFF
- Status/Last Changed: UPDATED: 03/21/13
- Course Control Number: 74196
- Units/Credit
- Final Exam Group: Restriction
- Note:
- Limit: 25 Enrolled: 17 Waitlist: 20 Avail Seats: 8

Click here for current enrollment information and course restrictions.

Where you can find enrollment restrictions for the course.

A FULL section:

- PSYCHOLOGY 130 S 102 DIS
- Course Title: Clinical Psychology (catalog description)
- Location: M 10-11A, 2301 TOLMAN
- Instructor: THE STAFF
- Status/Last Changed: UPDATED: 03/21/13
- Course Control Number: 74199
- Units/Credit
- Final Exam Group: Restriction
- Note:
- Limit: 25 Enrolled: 25 Waitlist: 17 Avail Seats: 0

Click here for current enrollment information and course restrictions.

There is a wait list AND zero available seats.

Has available seats even though there is a wait list of 20 students.

Says “currently full.”

FAQ:

- Why is it important that I’m wait listed for an open section? Lecture and section enrollment must be concurrent. If you are wait-listed for a full section, you will be skipped over when space in the lecture opens up. Tele-bears will still let you sign up for a section even if it is full, so it’s important you check the OSOC first.

- Tele-Bears does not show a wait list number for my section; am I enrolled in it? No. Tele-Bears only shows a lecture wait list. You are wait listed for the section if you are wait-listed for the lecture.

- What should I do if the section I’m wait listed for is full? Switch sections. You may do so by using the “Switch Sections” function on Tele-Bears. Do NOT drop the class and re-enroll. Hours of Tele-Bears accessibility are available on registrar.berkeley.edu.

- Can I stay with my current section? You can. But keep in mind that you cannot enroll in the class unless another student drops from your particular section.

- I just switched sections; why am I still wait-listed? Switching into an empty section makes enrollment possible but does not guarantee enrollment; you would remain wait-listed until the next time enrollment is processed and if seats are available in the lecture. Wait-lists are processed the following way during Phase III: majors will be enrolled before non-majors; seniors will be enrolled before freshmen; students wait-listed for an open section will be enrolled before those wait-listed for a full section, etc.

- The course has available seats. Why am I still waitlisted? You have chosen a full section. You must select on open section to increase your chances in enrollment. The waitlist prioritizes declared psych majors, so when the waitlist is processed, psych majors in open sections will be enrolled first. Students will then be processed by position on the waitlist, and those in open sections will be able to get in.

- I’m intended in/submitted an application for psych. Do I have priority for upper division psychology courses? Unfortunately, there is no way for us to track and prioritize intended majors. However, statistically almost 50% of the students enrolled in upper division psychology courses are non-majors, so it’s possible for undeclared students to enroll from the wait list. Phase I is limited to declared Psych majors only; open seating becomes available during Phases II & III. Please review the enrollment restrictions on OSOC (noted above).

- I don’t major in Psychology. Can I get a Course Entry Code (CEC)? Course Entry Codes are reserved for students who are otherwise eligible to enroll right away but can’t due to extenuating circumstances (e.g. Tele-Bears technical issues). Most of the time, students are wait-listed simply because there are more students interested in the course than the number of available seats, or because the student does not meet enrollment priority at the moment. The professor is also not at liberty to release a CEC for these reasons.