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## Effects of Budget Cuts on Instruction

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## How do the students feel?

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- According to a report from the Triangle Business Journal, a random sample of interviews didn't reveal any students who felt personally affected.
- But who knows what the sample was like?
- And in any case, is a superficial "snapshot" a credible statement of the true picture?



## How have the number of sections and seats changed in the past year?

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- Alas, the Registrar cannot yet provide a reasonable estimate for the number of sections offered – many courses with zero or near-zero enrollment are still listed and will be canceled after drop-add's deadline (October 19).
- However, the number of seats used should be relatively reliable.
- Overall, the number of seats is up by about 4%. We have made room for our larger number of students, but at a cost.



# Seats offered by school

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Office of the University Registrar

School	Fall 2008	Fall 2009
	# Seats Used	# Seats Used
Arts & Sciences	97438	102271
Kenan Flagler Business School	12329	11335
Allied Health Sciences	3982	4295
School of Dentistry	4122	3312
School of Education	2602	3216
School of Government	318	420
School of Information & Library Science	1375	1394
School of Journalism & Mass Communication	2761	2931
School of Law	3171	3346
School of Medicine	--	--
School of Nursing	2570	2917
Eshelman School of Pharmacy	4739	4827
Gillings School of Global Public Health	5122	5489
School of Social Work	1225	1234
Total	141754	146987



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# What do the deans tell me?

## Arts & Sciences; KFBS

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- In the College, science is least affected, but overall the number of classes and sections have dropped and enrollments per class are higher. The number of graduate students has declined.
- In KFBS, 8 courses and 5 other sections lost in BSBA. 3 MAC and 19 MBA courses canceled. Most losses were in “electives”. PhD program has decreased 10% in incoming class size.



## The other schools?

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- For most, the story is the same: undergraduate and graduate courses have been canceled, and the number of graduate students has declined.
- Law has the same number of courses but 10% more students, hence larger classes.
- Medicine and Pharmacy identified cuts to AHEC as special threats to their students' necessary experiential education.



## The other schools?

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- “I don’t anticipate near term impacts. The longer term threat is an inadequate instructional budget, fewer funded TAs, and weaker incoming classes. The latter will make faculty retention more difficult.” – Emil Malizia, Chair, Department of City and Regional Planning, College of Arts and Sciences



# Faculty Retention Fights?

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- Most schools reported fewer retention fights in 2008-09 than in 2007-08.
- Arts & Sciences numbers increased from 11 to 18.
- What will happen when faculty find more offers arriving and their houses easier to sell?



# What problems are present but not readily discernible to our students?

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- Retirements.
- Decline in the number of graduate students is serious for both instruction and for research/faculty retention.
- Faculty retention and restrictions on the use of non-state funds not enacted by the Legislature.





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