

# Southern College of Optometry

## Profile of the 2016 Entering Class

*Tentative*

Total Entrants	136
Number of Applicants	877
Mean Overall GPA	3.53
Mean Prerequisite GPA	3.48
Mean OAT	328

Regional Students	39	Male	51
Non-Regional Students	97	Female	85
Minority Students	29	Single	121
International Students	1	Married	15
Age Range	21-32	Mean Age	23.2
Bachelor's or Higher Degree	135	States Represented	29

### OAT Mean Scores by Category

Academic Average	328	Biology	330
Quantitative Reasoning	331	General Chemistry	336
Reading Comprehension	348	Organic Chemistry	318
Physics	302	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	314	3.54	South Carolina	330	3.58
Georgia	331	3.65	Tennessee	328	3.55
Kansas	338	3.73	West Virginia	310	3.75
Kentucky	328	3.62	<b>Regional</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>3.61</b>
Louisiana	323	3.52	<b>Non-Regional</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>3.50</b>
Mississippi	312	3.43			

## Profile of Entering Classes Since 2007

Year	Applicants	Entrants	Mean GPA	Mean OAT	B.S. Degree or Higher	Mean Age	Females	Married	Minorities
2007	694	123	3.44	335	121 (98%)	23.8	62 (50%)	31(25%)	8 (7%)
2008	741	124	3.45	340	124 (100%)	23.4	64 (52%)	26 (21%)	23 (19%)
2009	735	124	3.47	339	122 (98%)	23.3	73 (59%)	22 (18%)	23 (19%)
2010	845	119	3.45	330	117 (98%)	23.1	73 (61%)	22 (18%)	31 (26%)
2011	865	130	3.53	326	129 (99%)	23.0	70 (54%)	23 (18%)	18 (14%)
2012	841	130	3.54	324	130 (100%)	23.1	74 (57%)	11 (8%)	25 (19%)
2013	866	131	3.52	327	130 (99%)	23.1	69 (53%)	18 (14%)	19 (15%)
2014	787	135	3.56	328	134 (99%)	23.2	84 (62%)	24 (18%)	23 (17%)
2015	873	135	3.53	328	134 (99%)	23.2	96 (71%)	13 (10%)	19 (14%)
2016	877	136	3.53	328	135 (99%)	23.2	85 (63%)	15 (11%)	29 (21%)

## *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 2017	90%	78%	TBD	TBD
Class of 2016	89%	77%	97%	88%
Class of 2015	86%	78%	97%	92%
Class of 2014	91%	86%	100%	98%
Class of 2013	92%	85%	98%	92%
Class of 2012	77%	78%	98%	95%
Class of 2011	99%	92%	98%	95%
Class of 2010	86%	92%	95%	95%
Class of 2009	91%	84%	100%	95%
Class of 2008	98%	86%	98%	93%
Class of 2007	92%	82%	94%	91%

*The spring 2009 exam included content and name changes (from "Basic Science" to "Applied Basic Science").*

*Revised examination for Part II in December 2009 with new name of Patient Assessment & Management (formerly "Clinical Science").*

*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.*