Enrollment in specific courses or programs may be limited as follows:

A. Students may enroll in no more than 18 credit units per semester and no more than 8 credit units per summer session. Concurrently enrolled high school students may enroll in no more than 11 credit units per semester and no more than 8 credit units per summer session as defined in Administrative Procedure 5011. Students who have extenuating circumstances and who need to enroll in more than the allowed limit must meet with a counselor to discuss their options.

B. Enrollment may be limited to students meeting properly validated prerequisites and corequisites as outlined in Administrative Procedure 4260.

C. Enrollment may also be limited due to the following legal or practical considerations:
   1. Health-and-safety considerations
   2. Facility limitations
   3. Faculty workload
   4. Availability of qualified instructors
   5. Funding limitations
   6. Regional planning constraints
   7. Legal requirements imposed by statutes, regulations, or contracts.

D. The college may establish audition or try-out as a limitation on enrollment for intercollegiate competition and public performance courses, or may establish a limitation on enrollment in honors courses, allocating available seats to those students judged most qualified. The specific criteria of the limitation shall be both well defined and as measurably objective as possible.

E. The college may limit enrollment in one or more sections of a course to a cohort of students enrolled in one or more other courses, provided that a reasonable percentage of all sections of the course do not have such restrictions.

F. With respect to students on probation or subject to dismissal, the college may limit enrollment to a total number of units or to selected courses for students who have appealed and been granted permission to set aside their dismissal as determined by the Dean of Counseling and Student Development.
Enrollment Priority System

A. Special Populations

The following four student groups shall receive first enrollment priority for the purpose of providing equalization of educational opportunity. Priority may not apply for enrollment in vocational or allied health programs requiring a separate application process.

1. Members or former members of the Armed Forces of the United States for any academic term within four years of leaving active duty or are currently receiving G.I. Bill benefits.

2. Foster youth and former foster youth (up to and including the age of 24)

3. Disabled students as defined by statute and upon the recommendation of Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS)

4. Disadvantaged students as defined by statute and upon the recommendation of Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS).

B. Continuing students: Priority is based on the number of units previously completed at MiraCosta College.

C. Matriculated students: Priority for enrollment will be granted to students who complete the matriculation process.

D. New and returning students: Low-enrollment priority shall be assigned to students who are not continuing from the previous term and have submitted an application for enrollment.

E. Concurrently enrolled high school students: High school students enroll as special admit students and have a lower priority than regularly admitted students even if they complete the matriculation process.

See Administrative Procedure 5052 for the enrollment-limitation challenge process.