

Summer Session 2026

Frequently Asked Questions about the 50/30/20 Revenue Share Financial Model

1. Are departments responsible for covering the deficits for the summer 2026 and 2027 Global Seminar courses?

ANSWER

- a. No, EVC will use backstop funds from CBO to cover the deficit of the summer 2026 and 2027 Global Seminar courses.
 - b. The Global Seminar team should minimize course deficits as much as possible.
 - c. The plans for the 2028 Global Seminars will be raised when discussions about future summer financial models begin.
2. How will the revenue and expenses for cross-listed courses be handled?

ANSWER

Revenue from both courses will go to the lead unit that is paying the instructor and TA payroll expenses.

3. Will tuition revenue from independent studies courses be counted in the School's 50% revenue share?

ANSWER

- a. No, not for Summer 2026. We will continue the prior practice of not counting independent studies courses in the revenue model.
 - b. Independent Studies courses will be revisited when creating the summer 2027 financial model.
4. What happens with units like the Colleges that only offer writing courses that are small by design? There will not be larger classes to balance/offset the shortfall of the smaller classes.

ANSWER

- a. Do your best to cover expenses for summer 2026. Make different decisions (fewer courses, different faculty) to stay within 10% of your 50% revenue share.
 - b. How to efficiently offer courses that are small for pedagogical reasons will be revisited when creating the summer 2027 financial model.
5. Will actual tuition revenue be counted for summer 2026? Non-UC visiting students pay \$400/unit instead of \$291/unit.

ANSWER

- a. No, not for summer 2026. We will continue the prior practice of using the UC tuition rate of \$291/unit for all revenue calculations.
- b. This question will be raised again when creating the summer 2027 financial model.

6. Can departments offer faculty a contingent salary when there is not enough enrollment for a course to cover the instructional expenses?

ANSWER

- a. Yes, for summer 2026 only – A pilot contingent salary model is available to help academic units offer as many courses as possible while controlling instructional costs.
- b. For courses where the projected enrollment does not cover instructional costs, Senate Faculty can agree to be paid 11% of their on-scale salary (instead of their full salary). Department Chair/Provost and School Dean must approve.
- c. An on-scale contingent salary exception can be requested now based on enrollment history, or departments can wait until 4 weeks before instruction begins as an alternative to cancelling a course for low enrollment.
- d. [Follow the process on these slides](#) to request an on-scale salary exception for a Senate Faculty member.

Do you have a question that is not listed here? Send it to summer-payroll@ucsd.edu.