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The total enrollment in all classes in psychology for the four sessions, including those with less than 100 students, was 2,330.

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