HIGHLIGHTS

The semester enrollment report is based on information taken from the University’s student information system at the time of the semester’s census date. These figures reflect how Montclair State University looks at the beginning of each semester, after students have dropped courses but before any withdrawals have occurred. Thus the numbers found in this report are the highest counts for the semester. Reports generated later in the semester will most likely reflect students who have withdrawn from courses and will be smaller than these official counts.

Undergraduates

In fall 2008, 13,725 undergraduates were enrolled at Montclair State University. Over 95 percent (13,101) are degree-seeking students and 85 percent (11,604) were enrolled as full-time students.

The average credit load for full-time undergraduates is 14.91 credits and for part-time students it is 7.20 credits.

Freshmen make up 23 percent and sophomores make up almost 20 percent of the undergraduate class. Juniors and seniors represent 23 percent and 29 percent of the undergraduates respectively. Non-degree students make up almost 5 percent of the undergraduates.

Over 61 percent (8,455) of the enrolled undergraduates are female. Among those who provided information about their race/ethnicity, about 10 percent identify themselves as Black, non-Hispanic, just over 6 percent as Asian or Pacific Islander, 21 percent as Hispanic and 57 percent as White, non-Hispanic. Less than 1% identify themselves as American Indian or Alaskan Native. Additionally, almost 6 percent of the students are non-resident aliens.

The average age of undergraduate students who enrolled at MSU was just over 22 years.

Ninety-three percent (12,782) of the enrolled students were from New Jersey. Of those who enrolled from New Jersey, over 52 percent of the undergraduates list Bergen (21%), Essex (17%) and Passaic (14%) as their county of origin.

The five undergraduate majors with the most students enrolled are: Business Administration (10%), Family & Child Studies (almost 10%) Psychology (7%), and Biology and English (over 5% each).

Almost 18 percent (2,450) of undergraduates have not yet declared a major.

Graduates

At the graduate level, 3,750 students were enrolled in fall 2008. Over 66 percent (2496) were degree-seeking and 76 percent (2,867) attended MSU as part-time students.

For full-time graduate students, the average credit load this semester is 10.58 hours and for part-time students is 4.41 hours.

Graduate students are predominantly female, almost 72 percent. For those who provided information regarding their race/ethnicity, over 9 percent report they are Black, non-Hispanic, just over 4 percent as Asian or Pacific Islander, 6 percent as Hispanic and 76 percent as White, non-Hispanic. Less than 1% identify themselves as American Indian or Alaskan Native. Additionally, 4 percent of the students are non-resident aliens.

Over 93 percent (3,511) of our enrolled graduate students are from New Jersey. Among those who are from New Jersey, over 61 percent are from Bergen (26%), Essex (22%), and Passaic (13%) counties.

The five graduate majors that enroll the most students are: Teaching (10%), Business Administration and Counseling (9% each), Educational Leadership (4%), and Communication Sciences & Disorders (2%).

The average age of graduate students who enrolled at MSU was 32 years.