

## HIGHLIGHTS

In spring 2004, 1,877 students began the admissions process by sending an application to Montclair State University's various graduate degree, certification, certificate and non-degree programs. These students were not necessarily first time to MSU, but they were first time to these programs. This number reflects complete and incomplete applications. A somewhat smaller number, 1,465, completed the application process. The number of completed applications is up slightly from last spring's number of 1,447. Those with completed applications make up the applicant base from which the numbers and percents in the accompanying tables were drawn.

The number of completed applications for degree-seeking students was 36.7 percent (up from last year's 34.9 percent); 48.4 percent applied as non-degree students; 11.1 percent applied for certification programs; and another 3.8 percent applied to one of the certificate programs.

This spring the University accepted 82.6 percent of all applicants, up from last year's 80 percent. Of those accepted, 71.5 percent, or 865 students, enrolled in classes this spring.

The average verbal and math Graduate Record Exam (GRE) test scores for enrolled masters-seeking graduate students were 445 and 516, respectively. The average score for the Miller Analogies Test was 33 and for the GMAT it was 484.

The average undergraduate GPA for enrolled masters-seeking graduate students was 3.13.

Seventy-three percent of first-time enrolled graduate students were female. This spring, 10.3 percent did not supply any information for their race/ethnicity. For those who provided this information, 70.4 percent were white; 12.5 percent were African American; 9.7 percent were Hispanic; 4.4 percent were Asian; and 2.8 percent were non-resident aliens.

Almost seventy-five percent of the first-time enrolled graduate students came from four counties: Essex, 27 percent; Bergen, 22.5 percent; Passaic, 14.1 percent and Morris, 10.9 percent. Over 3 percent of the first-time students come from outside NJ.