

HIGHLIGHTS

In the spring 2006 semester, 2,400 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 new to MSU, but new to the programs. This number reflects complete and incomplete applications. A somewhat smaller number of 1,426 applicants completed the process. The number of completed applications is down from last spring's number of 1,589. 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 almost 47 percent, slightly higher than last year (45 percent); approximately 36 percent applied as non-degree students; close to 11 percent applied for certification programs; and another 6 percent applied to one of the certificate programs.

This spring the University accepted over 80 percent of all applicants, slightly less than last year. Of those accepted, over 65 percent (754) of the students enrolled in classes this spring.

The average verbal and math Graduate Record Exam (GRE) test scores for enrolled masters-seeking graduate students were 454 and 520, respectively.

The average undergraduate GPA for enrolled masters-seeking graduate students was 3.18.

Seventy-four percent of first-time enrolled graduate students were female. This spring, almost 11 percent of graduate students did not supply any information for their race/ethnicity. For those who provided this information, 69 percent were white; 12 percent were African American; 11 percent were Hispanic; 5 percent were Asian; and almost 4 percent were non-resident aliens.

Over 96 percent of our new graduate students are from New Jersey. Approximately eighty percent of the first-time enrolled graduate students came from the following five counties in New Jersey: Bergen, 28 percent; Essex, almost 26 percent; Passaic, 13 percent; Morris, over 9 percent; and Hudson, about 8 percent. Almost 4 percent of the first-time students come from outside New Jersey.