

HIGHLIGHTS

An Explanation of Data Collection and Figures

During the time of the semester's census date, information taken from the University's student information system comprises the following enrollment report. The following figures reflect how Montclair State University looks at the beginning of the semester, after students drop courses, but before withdrawals have occurred. Subsequent reports will most likely report smaller counts than those listed on this report because they will reflect students who have already withdrawn from courses.

Overall, Montclair State University enrolled 14,896 students in the spring of 2006, compared to 14,779 in spring of 2005. Highlights for the undergraduate and graduate population are listed below.

Undergraduates

Montclair State University boasts an enrollment of 11,309 at the start of the spring 2006 semester, about a 2 percent increase from the spring of 2005. Of those, over 98 percent (11,166) are degree-seeking students and almost 79 percent (8,916) are full-time students. Full-time undergraduate students carry an average credit load of 14.8 credits, while part-time undergraduates have an average load of 6.9 credits.

Freshmen and sophomores make up approximately 20 percent each of the undergraduate population in the spring 2006 semester; juniors and seniors make up 24 percent and over 35 percent of the undergraduate class, respectively.

The average age of enrolled undergraduates at Montclair State University is 23 years.

Over 61 percent (6,928) of enrolled undergraduate students are female. Among the population of students who provided their race/ethnicity, almost 11 percent identified themselves as African American, 6 percent as Asian, 18 percent as Hispanic, and more than 60 percent as White. Almost 4 percent of the undergraduate population consists of international students or non-resident aliens.

Over 95 percent of enrolled students at Montclair State University are from New Jersey. Of those who listed New Jersey as their residence, about 55 percent of undergraduates are from the neighboring counties: Bergen, Essex, and Passaic. Of this 55 percent, approximately 21 percent of students list Bergen County, over 19 percent list Essex County, and 15 percent list Passaic County as their county of origin.

Of the students who declared a major, the five most popular majors among undergraduates illustrate in descending order as follows: Business Administration (13 percent), Family and Child Studies (12 percent), Psychology (10 percent), Biology (7 percent), and English (6 percent).

Almost 17 percent (1,883) of undergraduates have yet to declare a major.

Graduates

Montclair State University reports 3,587 students enrolled at the graduate level in the spring of 2006. Almost 68 percent (2,438) are degree-seeking and over 79 percent (2,845) attend MSU as part-time students. This semester, the average credit load for full-time graduate students is 10.6 hours, while the average credit load for a part-time student is 4.5 hours.

The average age of enrolled graduates at Montclair State University is 33 years.

Graduate students are primarily female, encompassing more than 73 percent of the population. Of the students who provided their race-ethnicity, almost 10 percent report that they are African American, 4 percent as Asian, almost 9 percent Hispanic, and approximately 74 percent are White. Almost 4 percent of the graduate student population is comprised of international students or non-resident aliens.

Almost 94 percent (3,362) of our enrolled graduate students are from New Jersey. Among those, 64 percent are from the adjacent counties: Bergen, Essex, and Passaic counties. Of this 64 percent, 25 percent each list Bergen and Essex as their county of origin, and 14 percent list Passaic County as their county of origin.

Of those who have declared a concentration in their graduate career, the four most popular majors signify in descending order as follows: Teaching (13 percent), Business Administration (11 percent), Administration and Supervision (9 percent), and Counseling, Human Services and Guidance (6 percent).

Approximately 18 percent of graduate students (639) have yet to declare a major.