



# Enrollment Summary

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## **Executive Summary**

### **Enrollment – Fall 2011**

- Total enrollment is 11,659. This is a decrease of 36 students from the previous fall semester and this is the third highest enrollment since fall 2002.
- Total undergraduate enrollment is 10,002. This is an increase of 214 students (2.2%) from the previous fall semester and this is the highest undergraduate enrollment since 1992, when the college enrolled 10,204 undergraduate students. Full-time undergraduate enrollment is 8,803; this is the highest full-time undergraduate enrollment in the history of the Buffalo State.
- The School of Natural and Social Sciences undergraduate enrollment increased by 125 students and had the highest percentage increased (5.0%) among the four schools this fall; the school has increased its undergraduate enrollment for four consecutive fall semesters. The School of Professions increased its undergraduate enrollment by 141 students (4.5%) this fall. The School of Arts and Humanities undergraduate enrollment increased by 51 students (2.4%) and the School of Education decreased by 71 students (6.6%) this fall.
- Total degrees granted for 2010-11 is 2,702; this is an increase of 1.0 percent from last year, the highest since 1976. The 1,841 bachelor degrees were the highest, since 2,110 degrees were awarded in 1992. The 861 Masters and post-Masters certificates awarded this year, second highest since 1974.
- Total graduate enrollment is 1,657. This is a decrease of 250 students (13.1%) from fall 2010. This is largely due to a SUNY mandated change in student level for Post-Baccalaureate certificate students from graduate to undergraduate level. As a result, graduate enrollment decreased in all categories.
- Total enrollment in the residence halls is 2,486. This is an increase of 187 students (8.1%) from fall 2010. This increase is largely due to the inaugural year of the Student Housing Apartment Complex. Since fall 2002, enrollment in the residence halls increased by 43.7 percent.

### **Demographics – Fall 2011**

- Ninety-eight (97.5) percent of our total enrollment is from New York State. Fifty-nine (58.6) percent is from Erie County; about nine (9.3) percent is from Niagara County; thirteen (12.5) percent is from the Metro NYC area, and sixteen (16.1) percent is from other New York State Counties.
- Twenty-five (25.0) percent of the college's undergraduate enrollments are minority students with 23.2 percent being underrepresented minorities. This is the highest minority percentage to date. Graduate minority student enrollment is 221 (13.3%), an increase of 0.6 percent from fall 2010. Graduate underrepresented minority student enrollment is 191 (11.5%), a decrease of 12 students from fall 2010.
- Women represent sixty (59.7) percent of the total student population. Fifty-eight (57.9) percent of our undergraduates and seventy-one (70.5) percent of graduate student population are women.

### **New Students – Fall 2011**

- New freshman enrollment is 1,427. This is a decrease of 63 students (4.2%) from fall 2010.
- New transfer enrollment is 1,386, an increase of 63 students (4.8%) from fall 2010. This the second largest transfer class since fall 1996.
- New graduate enrollment is 399. This is a decrease of 65 students (14.0%) from fall 2010.

### **Academic Profile, First-time Full-time – Fall 2011**

- The mean high school average for all first-time, full-time students decreased from 85.9 to 85.0. The mean SAT Composite (verbal and math) score for all first-time, full-time students is 963. This is a decrease of 13 points from fall 2010.
- The mean high school average for honors students is 93.4. The mean SAT score for honors students is 1169, a decrease of 31 points from fall 2010.
- The mean high school average for general freshmen decreased from 86.4 to 85.4. The mean SAT Composite score decreased by 21 points from 1001 to 980.
- The mean high school average for Special Consideration improved from 81.1 to 81.7 this fall. The mean SAT score for Special Consideration decreased slightly to 851 from 852.
- The mean high school average for EOP students decreased from 82.3 to 81.5. The mean SAT score is 834, an increase of 29 points from fall 2010.

### **FTE – Fall 2011**

- Total FTE is estimated at 9,824. This is a decrease of 132 FTE (1.3%) from fall 2010.
- Total undergraduate FTE is estimated at 8,966. This is an increase of 100 FTE (1.0%) from fall 2010.
- Total graduate FTE is estimated 858, down 232 FTE from previous fall. This is largely due to a change in level for Post-Baccalaureate certificate students from graduate to undergraduate level.

### **School of Arts and Humanities – Fall 2011**

- Total enrollment is 2,341, a decrease of 6 students from fall 2010. The school represents 20.1 percent of the total college enrollment and 21.8 percent of the undergraduate population, an increase of 1% from fall 2007.

### **School of Education – Fall 2011**

- Total enrollment is 1,591, a decrease of 205 students (11.4%) from fall 2010. It represents 13.6 percent of the total college enrollment and 10.0 percent of the undergraduate population. The School of Education's graduate enrollment of 592 represents 35.7 percent of the graduate population and is the largest of the four graduate schools. The School's graduate enrollment decreased 134 students (18.5%) from fall 2010.

**School of Natural and Social Sciences – Fall 2011**

- Total enrollment is 2,886, an increase of 4.6 percent from fall 2010. The school represents 24.8 percent of the total college enrollment and 26.3 percent of the total undergraduate population. Since fall 2006, the School of Natural and Social Sciences increased its undergraduate enrollment by 28.5 percent.

**School of the Professions – Fall 2011**

- Total enrollment is 3,611, an increase of 3.5 percent from fall 2010. The school is the largest among the four schools in total enrollment and represents 31.0 percent of the total college's enrollment. It is also the largest of the four schools and represents 32.4 percent of the total undergraduate enrollment. Since fall 2006, the School of the Professions increased its undergraduate enrollment by 12.6 percent.

**First-Time, full-time, One-Year Retention Rate at Buffalo State (Fall 2010 Cohort)**

- The first-time, full-time retention rate improved to 76.0 percent, compared to 74.6 percent last fall and 72.2 percent in fall 2008. First-year retention rate improved or remained the same for three of the four schools with the School of Education being the exception. The School of Education first-year retention decreased from 73.5 to 71.4 percent.
- First-year retention rate for residential students improved from 74.1 to 76.0 percent. First-year retention rate for commuter students improved from 75.4 to 76.0 percent.
- First-year retention rate for female students (77.4%) is higher than the first-year rate for male students (74.0%). Male students first-year rate improved by 2.2 percent while female students improved by 0.8 percent

**First-time, full-time, One-Year Retention Success and Progress Rate at an Institution of Higher Education (Fall 2010 Cohort)**

- Ninety-one (91.1) percent of first-time, full-time students who initially started at Buffalo State in fall 2010 were either retained at the college or persisted at another institution of Higher Education as of fall 2011. The School of Natural and Social Sciences has a success rate of 94.6 percent, the highest among the four schools. The School of Education success rate is 91.4 percent; the School of Arts and Humanities success rate is 90.4 percent; the School of the Professions success rate is 89.1 percent. University College success rate is 90.8 percent.