



Enrollment Summary

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Executive Summary

Enrollment – Fall 2008

- Total enrollment is 11,234. This is an increase of 241 students (2.2%) from the previous fall semester and this is the highest enrollment since fall 2003.
- Total undergraduate enrollment is 9,371. This is an increase of 232 students (2.5%) from the previous fall semester and this is the highest undergraduate enrollment since fall 2002. The School of Professions undergraduate enrollment increased by 208 students (7.2%), the largest enrollment (394) and percentage (14.7%) increases among the four schools since fall 2006; School of Art and Humanities increased by 126 students (6.8%); the School of Natural and Social Sciences increased by 66 students (3.2%); and school of Education decreased by 105 students (9.1%).
- Degrees granted for both the undergraduate and graduate populations are lower this year.
- Total graduate enrollment is 1,863. This is an increase of 9 students (0.5%) from the previous fall semester. Graduate full-time enrollment increased 1.0% to 614 from previous fall and this is the highest full-time enrollment in the history of the graduate school.
- Total enrollment in the residence halls program is 2,312. This is an increase of 158 students (7.3%) from fall 2007. Since fall 2000, total enrollment in the residence hall program has increased each year by an average of 4.5 percent.

Demographics – Fall 2008

- Ninety-eight (97.7) percent of total enrollment is from New York State. Sixty (60.2) percent is from Erie County and this is higher than fall 2007; 10.0 percent is from Niagara County, 9.4 percent is from the Metro NYC area (1.1% lower than fall 2007), and 17.4 percent is from other New York State Counties.
- Twenty-two (22.2) percent of the college's undergraduate enrollments are minority students with 20.5 percent being underrepresented minorities. Educational Opportunity Program accounts for thirty-six (35.8) percent of the college undergraduate minority student population. The program also accounts for thirty-eight (37.7) percent of the college's underrepresented minority student population.
- Graduate minority students enrollment is 236 (12.7%), an increase of 49 students from the previous fall semester. Graduate underrepresented minority student enrollment is 208 (11.2%), an increase of 39 students from the previous fall semester.
- Women represent sixty-one (60.7) percent of the total student population. Fifty-nine (59.1) percent of our undergraduates and sixty-nine percent of graduate student population are women.

New Students – Fall 2008

- New freshman enrollment is 1,559. This is an increase of 109 students (7.5%) from fall 2007. This is the largest freshman class since fall 1990.
- New transfer enrollment is 1,185, an increase of 69 students (6.2%) from fall 2007. This the second largest transfer class since fall 1997.
- New graduate enrollment is 502. This is an increase of 102 students (25.5%) from previous fall. This is the largest percentage increase in the history of the Graduate school.

Academic Profile, First-time Full-time – Fall 2008

- The mean high school average for all first-time, fulltime remained the same as this past fall at 85.4. The mean SAT score for all first-time, full-time is 968, the highest since fall 2005.
- The mean high school average for honors is 94.1. The mean SAT score for honors students is 1,198, a decrease of 11 points from the previous fall.
- The mean high school average for general freshmen is 86.2 and the mean SAT Composite score is 998, the same as fall 2007.
- The mean high school average for Special Consideration decreased from 87.0 in fall 2007 to 82.2 this fall. The mean SAT score for Special Consideration increased from 747 in fall 2007 to 880 this fall.
- The mean high school average for EOP students is 82.2, the highest in over 13 years. The mean SAT score is 810, the lowest since fall 2005.

FTE – Fall 2008

- Total FTE is 9,626. This is an increase of 441 FTE (4.8%) from fall 2007.
- Total undergraduate FTE is 8,682. This is an increase of 380 FTE (4.6%) from fall 2007.
- Total graduate FTE is 944. This is an increase of 62 FTE (7.0 %) from fall 2007.

School of Arts and Humanities – Fall 2008

- Total enrollment is 2,231, an increase of 5.3 percent from fall 2007. The school represents 19.9 percent of the total college enrollment and 21.1 percent of the undergraduate population, an increase of 1% from 2007. This is also the school largest undergraduate enrollment since fall 2002.

School of Education – Fall 2008

- Total enrollment is 1,795, a decrease of 6.4 percent from fall 2007. It represents 16.0 percent of the total college enrollment and 11.1 percent of the undergraduate population. The School of Education represents 40.4 percent of the graduate population, the largest of the four graduate schools. The school undergraduate enrollment has decreased by 24.8% since fall 2006.

School of Natural and Social Sciences – Fall 2008

- Total enrollment is 2,372, an increase of 3.4 percent from fall 2007. The school represents 21.1 percent of the total college enrollment and 22.6 percent of the undergraduate population. Since fall 2004, the school of Natural and Social Sciences increased its undergraduate enrollment population by 9.0 percent.

School of the Professions – Fall 2008

- Total enrollment is 3,452, an increase of 5.7 percent from fall 2007. It is the largest of the four schools in total enrollment and represents 30.7 percent of the college's enrollment. It is the largest of the four schools in total undergraduate enrollment and represents 32.9 percent of the undergraduate enrollment. Since fall 2004, the School of the Professions increased its undergraduate enrollment by 29.0 percent.

First-Time, full-time, One Retention Rate

- All First-time, full-time retention rate is 77.7 percent. This is an increase of 2.1 percent from fall 2006 and the highest since fall 2003.
- First-year retention rate for the School of Arts and Humanities improved 8.0 percent to 85.6 percent, the highest among all the schools. The school of Natural and Social Sciences improved 4.6 percent to 78.3 percent.
- First-year retention rate for residential students (78.5%) is higher than commuter students (76.6%) for the second year in a row.
- First-year retention rate for female students (79.4%) is higher than first-year male students (75.1).
- Since fall 2003, first-year EOP students continue to persist at the highest percentage rate of all University college student groups. This year's 82.8 percent one-year retention rate is the second highest in the program history.