

# Student Profile Fall 2017

## Student Headcount

Approximately 16,800 students were enrolled at UMSL in the Fall 2017 semester including 10,589 (63.3%) on the main campus in St. Louis County. The main campus enrollment included 495 first time freshmen, 7,661 (72.4%) undergraduates, 2,756 (26.0%) graduate students and 117 (1.6%) professional degree students.

## Degrees Conferred

For the 12-month period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, UMSL conferred 3,223 degrees, including 2,071 baccalaureate degrees, 826 master's degrees, 17 education specialist degrees, 106 doctoral degrees, and 43 professional degrees (Doctor of Optometry). The University also conferred 123 graduate certificates and 37 undergraduate certificates in this period.

## Enrollment Status

On the main campus, the majority of first-time freshmen (95.0%) were enrolled full-time, while 69% of all undergraduates were enrolled full-time and 31% part-time. Among graduate students, 30.6% enrolled full-time and 69.4% part-time. All professional degree (Optometry) students were enrolled full-time. At all locations where UMSL students were enrolled, 38.9% of students were enrolled full-time and 61.1% part-time.

## Credit Load

The average credit load for first-time freshmen was 14.1 semester hours of credit, while all undergraduates, on average, enrolled in 11.5 semester hours of credit. The average number of credit hours for graduate students was 6.2, while professional degree students enrolled in 19.4 credit hours on average.

## Freshmen Characteristics

Among entering first-time, full-time freshmen from Missouri high schools, the mean high school core grade point average (GPA) was 3.318 on a 4.0 scale. Half of these entering freshmen had a core high school GPA ranging from 3.030 to 3.700. Among first-time, full-time freshmen from Missouri high schools, half had ACT composite scores ranging from 22 to 27. More than three quarters (88.0%) of first-time, full-time freshmen ranked in the upper half of their high school graduating class. The majority (75.7%) of degree-seeking first-time freshmen came from St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County,

Franklin County, Lincoln County, Jefferson County, and Warren County with the remainder coming from other Missouri areas (6.7%) and other states (14.5%), and other countries (3.1%).

### **Transfer Students**

The majority (74.7%) of new undergraduate students who enrolled at UMSL main campus in the Fall 2017 semester began their post-secondary education at another institution. Most of these transfer students began their post-secondary education at a Missouri Community college, especially those community colleges in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

### **Average Grade Point Average of Enrolled Students**

Among all undergraduates enrolled at UMSL in Fall 2017, the mean grade point average (GPA) was 3.127 on a 4.0 scale. Among all graduate students, this GPA was 3.739 and among professional degree students the GPA was 3.319. Among student earning a bachelor's degree from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, the mean grade point average (GPA) was 3.210 at graduation. Of these graduates, half had a GPA ranging from 2.850 to 3.640.

### **Educational Goals**

The vast majority (95.9%) of students enrolled on the main campus identified themselves as seeking a degree.

### **Gender**

Of students enrolled at all locations, 59% were women and 41% were men. Of undergraduates enrolled on the main campus, 55.1% were women. Women comprised 67.7% of graduate students and 59.9% of professional degree students on the main campus.

### **Age**

The average age of all students on campus was 27.3 years. The average age of first-time freshmen was 18.3 years. The average age of all undergraduates was 25.5 years, with half of all undergraduates ranging in age from 21 to 27. Graduate students were 32.5 years of age on average, while professional (Optometry) students were 25 years of age on average.

### **Ethnicity**

Among those students reporting their ethnic backgrounds, 74.3% of UMSL students were Caucasian. African-American students represented 14.9% of all students, with students from other ethnic groups representing 10.8% of all enrolled students.

### **Financial Assistance**

Over seventy percent (76.9%) of all undergraduate students received one or more forms of financial assistance, while 59.7% of graduate students received such assistance. Virtually all (96.5%) of professional degree students received financial assistance.

### **Geographic Origin**

Of students studying on the main campus, 80% are from the St. Louis metropolitan area, including 84.6% of undergraduate students. This figure is smaller (71%) for graduate students and for professional degree students (20.9%).

Among students enrolled on the main campus, 86% were Missouri residents. Among graduate students, 79.9% were Missouri residents, while 47.7% of professional degree students were from Missouri. UMSL students came from 43 states, excluding Missouri. The most frequently represented home states of UMSL students, besides Missouri, were Illinois, California, Iowa, Kansas, and Texas. Among the 493 non-immigrant international students from 65 countries, those most frequently represented were: People's Republic of China, India, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, South Korea and Vietnam.

### **Class Size/Faculty: Student Ratio**

More than three-fourths (76.3%) of undergraduate classes enrolled 29 or fewer students and more than 55.2% of the undergraduate classes enrolled 19 or fewer students. Among all classes offered on the main campus, the student to faculty ratio was 18:1.

### **Most Popular Majors**

In the table below, the ten most popular majors and areas of study, on the basis of program enrollment, are listed in descending order beginning with the most popular.

<b>Undergraduate Major</b>	<b>Master's Degree</b>	<b>Doctoral Degree</b>
Business Administration	Business Administration	Education
Nursing	Secondary Education	Nursing
Accounting	Counseling	Psychology
Psychology	Elementary Education	Political Science
Biology	Social Work	Chemistry
Computer Science	Special Education	Biology
Elementary Education	Information Systems	Criminology and Criminal Justice

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Information Systems	Computer Science	Physics
Communication	History	Business Administration

### Enrollment by Academic Unit

In Fall 2017 students enrolled in seven colleges and one school of the University:

<b>School/College</b>	<b>Number &amp; Percentage of All Undergraduate Students Enrolled at UMSL</b>	<b>Number &amp; Percentage of All Graduate Students Enrolled at UMSL</b>
College of Arts and Sciences	3,792 (49.5%)	722 (26.2%)
College of Business Administration	2,020 (26.4%)	471 (17.1%)
College of Education	570 (7.4%)	1,136 (41.2%)
Engineering Program	266 (3.5%)	NA
School of Social Work	293 (3.8%)	155 (5.6%)
Graduate School (MPPA)	NA	62 (2.3%)
College of Nursing	720 (9.4%)	209 (7.6%)
College of Optometry	NA	172 professional students