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Student Profile Fall 2007

Student Headcount

Approximately 15,500 students were enrolled at UM-St. Louis in the fall 2007 semester including 12,147 (78.4%) on the main campus in St. Louis County. The main campus enrollment included 505 first time freshmen, 9,173 (75.5%) undergraduates, 2,803 (23.1%) graduate students and 171 (1.4%) professional degree students.

Degrees Conferred

For the 12-month period from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, UM-St. Louis conferred 2,963 degrees, including 2,093 baccalaureate degrees, 718 master's degrees, 31 education specialist degrees, 52 doctoral degrees, and 44 professional degrees (Doctor of Optometry). The University also conferred 18 graduate certificates in this period.

Enrollment Status

On the main campus, the majority of first-time freshmen (91.7%) were enrolled full-time, while 63.9% of all undergraduates were enrolled full-time and 36.1% part-time. Among graduate students, 26.8% enrolled full-time and 73.2% part-time. All professional degree (Optometry) students were enrolled full-time. At all locations where UM-St. Louis students were enrolled, 55.8% of students were enrolled full-time and 44.2% part-time.

Credit Load

The average credit load for first-time freshmen was 12.9 semester hours of credit, while all undergraduates, on average, enrolled in 11.0 semester hours of credit. The average number of credit hours for graduate students was 6.1, while professional degree students enrolled in 20.5 credit hours on average.

Freshmen Characteristics

Among entering first-time, full-time freshmen from Missouri high schools, the high school core grade point average (GPA) was 3.146 on a 4.0 scale. Half of these entering freshmen had a core high school GPA ranging from 2.860 to 3.460. Among first-time, full-time freshmen from Missouri high schools, half had ACT composite scores ranging from 21 to 26. More than three-fourths (85%) of first-time, full-time freshmen ranked in the upper half of their high school graduating class. The majority (76.5%) of degree-seeking first-time freshmen came from St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County and Jefferson County with the remainder coming from other Missouri areas (7.8%) and other states (15.7%).

Transfer Students

The majority (78.9%) of new undergraduate students who enrolled at UM-St. Louis main campus in the fall 2007 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 UM-St. Louis in fall 2007, the mean grade point

average (GPA) was 2.984 on a 4.0 scale. Among all graduate students, this GPA was 3.737 and among professional degree students the GPA was 3.318. Among student earning a bachelor's degree from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, the mean grade point average (GPA) was 3.130 at graduation. Of these graduates, half had a GPA ranging from 2.733 to 3.554.

Educational Goals

The vast majority (96.7%) of students enrolled on the main campus identified themselves as seeking a degree.

Gender

Of students enrolled at all locations, 60.5% were women and 39.5% were men. Of undergraduates enrolled on the main campus, 57.0% were women. Women comprised 65.9% of graduate students and 58.5% 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 18.4 years. The average age of all undergraduates was 25.6 years, with half of all undergraduates ranging in age from 21 to 27. Graduate students were 33.1 years of age on average, while professional (Optometry) students were 24.8 years of age on average.

Ethnicity

Among those students reporting their ethnic backgrounds, 74.4% of UM-St. Louis students were Caucasian. African-American students represented 19.6% of all students, with students from other ethnic groups representing 6.0% of all enrolled students.

Financial Assistance

Over sixty percent (65.7%) of all undergraduate students received one or more forms of financial assistance, while 57.8% of graduate students received such assistance. All professional degree students received financial assistance.

Geographic Origin

Of students studying on the main campus, 84.4% are from the St. Louis metropolitan area, including 88% of undergraduate students. This figure is smaller (75.4%) for graduate students and for professional degree students (39.8%).

Among students enrolled on the main campus, 87.4% were Missouri residents. Among graduate students, 81.0% were Missouri residents, while 50.3% of professional degree students were from Missouri. UM-St. Louis students came from 46 states, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The most frequently represented home states of UM-St. Louis students, besides Missouri, were Illinois, Kansas, Tennessee, Indiana, Michigan. Among the 498 non-immigrant international students from 77 countries, the countries most frequently represented were India, People's Republic of China, South Korea, Thailand, and Indonesia.

Class Size/Faculty: Student Ratio

More than two-thirds (69.9) of undergraduate classes enrolled 29 or fewer students and more than 44.2% of the undergraduate classes enrolled 19 or fewer students. Among all classes offered on the main campus, the student to faculty ratio was 15:1 (2007 data).

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.

Undergraduate Major	Master's Degree	Doctoral Degree
Business Administration	Business Administration	Education
Accounting	Counseling	Psychology

Nursing	Secondary Education	Biology
Psychology	Nursing	Political Science
Elementary Education	Educational Administration	Chemistry
Biology	Elementary Education	Nursing
Criminology and Criminal Justice	Social Work	Criminology and Criminal Justice
Communication	History	Business Administration
Secondary Education	Accounting	Applied Mathematics
Studio Art	Computer Science	Physics

Enrollment by Academic Unit

In fall 2007 students enrolled in seven colleges and one school of the University:

School/College	Number & Percentage of All Undergraduate Students Enrolled at UM-St. Louis	Number & Percentage of All Graduate Students Enrolled at UM-St. Louis
College of Arts and Sciences	3,849 (42.0%)	831 (29.6%)
College of Business Administration	2,483 (27.1%)	516 (18.4%)
College of Education	1,059 (11.5%)	1,017 (36.3%)
Engineering Program	342 (3.7%)	NA
Evening College	15 (0.2%)	NA
College of Fine Arts and Communication	869 (9.5%)	52 (1.9%)
Graduate School (MPPA & Gerontology)	NA	191 (6.8%)
Nursing	556 (6.1%)	190 (6.8%)



Optometry	NA	6 (0.2%) graduate students and 171 professional students
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