

Student Profile Fall 2020

Important Note: Due to the impact of COVID-19 on high school advanced credit registrations, data for this iteration of the Student Profile does not rely on Census data (Census date was 9/21/2020). Rather, the data in this document is as of 11/17/2020.

Student Headcount

Approximately 15,558 students were enrolled at UMSL in the Fall 2020 semester including 9,433 (60.6%) on the main campus in St. Louis County. The main campus enrollment included 388 first time freshmen, 6,546 (69.4%) undergraduates, 2,710 (28.7%) graduate students and 177 (1.9%) professional degree students.

Degrees Conferred

For the 12-month period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, UMSL conferred 2,887 degrees, including 1,888 baccalaureate degrees, 647 master's degrees, 19 education specialist degrees, 130 doctoral degrees, and 46 professional degrees (Doctor of Optometry). The University also conferred 105 graduate certificates and 52 undergraduate certificates in this period.

Enrollment Status

On the main campus, the majority of first-time freshmen (88.4%) were enrolled full-time, while 69.8% of all undergraduates were enrolled full-time and 30.2% part-time. Among graduate students, 27.1% enrolled full-time and 72.9% part-time. All professional degree (Optometry) students were enrolled full-time. At all locations where UMSL students were enrolled, 35.6% of students were enrolled full-time and 64.4% part-time.

Credit Load

The average credit load for first-time freshmen was 13.0 semester hours of credit, while all undergraduates, on average, enrolled in 11.3 semester hours of credit. The average number of credit hours for graduate students was 6.0, while professional degree students enrolled in 18.5 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 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Half of these entering freshmen had a core high school GPA ranging from 3.2 to 3.9. Among first-time, full-time freshmen from Missouri high schools, half had ACT composite scores ranging from 22 to 28. More than three quarters (94 %) of first-time, full-time

freshmen ranked in the upper half of their high school graduating class. The majority (75.1%) 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 (8.3%) and other states (14.7%), and other countries (1.9%).

Transfer Students

The majority (73.4%) of new undergraduate students who enrolled at the UMSL main campus in the Fall 2020 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 2020, the mean grade point average (GPA) was 3.3 on a 4.0 scale. Among all graduate students, this GPA was 3.8 and among professional degree students the GPA was 3.4. Among students earning a bachelor's degree from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, the mean grade point average (GPA) was 3.2 at graduation. Of these graduates, half had a GPA ranging from 2.9 to 3.6.

Educational Goals

The vast majority (95.4%) of students enrolled on the main campus identified themselves as seeking a degree.

Gender

Of students enrolled at all locations, 59.0% were women, 40.6% were men and 0.4% were unspecified. Of undergraduates enrolled on the main campus, 55.4% were women. Women comprised 68.0% of graduate students and 55.4% of professional degree students on the main campus.

Age

The average age of all students on campus was 27.5 years. The average age of first-time freshmen was 18.6 years. The average age of all undergraduates was 25.2 years, with half of all undergraduates ranging in age from 21 to 27. Graduate students were 33.2 years of age on average, while professional (Optometry) students were 24.5 years of age on average.

Ethnicity

Among those students reporting their ethnic backgrounds, 69.9% of all UMSL students were Caucasian. African-American students represented 13.6% of all students, with students from other ethnic groups representing 16.4% of all enrolled students.

Financial Assistance

Over seventy percent (71.4%) of all undergraduate students received one or more forms of financial assistance, while 57.8% of graduate students received such assistance. Virtually all (98.3%) of professional degree students received financial assistance.

Geographic Origin

Of students studying on the main campus, 79.2% were from the St. Louis metropolitan area, including 84.1% of undergraduate students. This figure is smaller (70.1%) for graduate students and for professional degree students (24.3%).

Among students enrolled on the main campus, 84.3% were Missouri residents. Among graduate students, 77.1% were Missouri residents, while 40.1% of professional degree students were from Missouri. UMSL students came from 44 states, excluding Missouri. The most frequently represented home states of UMSL students, besides Missouri, were Illinois, Kansas, California, Wisconsin, and Florida. Among the 328 non-immigrant international students from 57 countries, those most frequently represented were from: China, India, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, and Spain.

Class Size/Faculty: Student Ratio

More than three-fourths (77.6%) of undergraduate classes enrolled 29 or fewer students and more than 55.4% of the undergraduate classes enrolled 19 or fewer students. Among all classes offered on the main campus, the student to faculty ratio was 19:1.

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.

Undergraduate Major	Master's Degree	Doctoral Degree
Business Administration	Business Administration	Nursing
Nursing	Counseling	Education
Psychology	Secondary Education	Business
Biology	Elementary Education	Psychology
Computer Science	Social Work	Political Science
Accounting	Special Education	Chemistry
Elementary Education	Information Systems & Technology	Biology

Criminology & Criminal Justice	Accounting	Mathematics and Computational Science
Communication	Computer Science	Criminology & Criminal Justice
Information Systems & Technology	Public Policy Administration	Physics

Enrollment by Academic Unit

In Fall 2020 students enrolled in seven colleges of the University:

College	Number & Percentage of All Undergraduate Students Enrolled at UMSL	Number & Percentage of All Graduate Students Enrolled at UMSL
College of Arts and Sciences	3,063 (46.8%)	638 (23.5%)
College of Business Administration	1,556 (23.8%)	529 (19.5%)
College of Education	532 (8.1%)	1,096 (40.4%)
Engineering Program	291 (3.1%)	NA
School of Social Work	212 (3.2%)	159 (5.9%)
College of Nursing	569 (8.7%)	279 (10.3%)
College of Optometry	NA	177 professional students