

Stockton University Enrollment Hits New Record

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Galloway, NJ – Enrollment at Stockton University has hit a new record, with 8,674 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled for fall 2015, up 1.21 percent from last year's previous record of 8,570.

"In our first full year as a university, Stockton's exceptional faculty, small class sizes and beautiful campus in the Pinelands National Reserve have attracted outstanding students from throughout New Jersey and beyond," said Interim President Harvey Kesselman. "Stockton has again received national recognition for its academic excellence from U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review, which helps increase the value of a Stockton degree for all of our graduates."

The "headcount" for undergraduate enrollment this fall is 7,808 students, up 1.22 percent from last fall's 7,714, while the headcount for graduate enrollment is 866, up 1.17 percent from 856 last fall.

The "full-time equivalent" (FTE)* total of all students is 8,274, up 1.98 percent from 2014's FTE of 8,113. The FTE is 7,689 for undergraduates, up 1.6 percent from 7,568 in 2014. Graduate FTE this fall is 585, up 7.33 percent from 2014's FTE of 545.

Over the past three years, the average number of freshmen applicants was 5,613 for about 1,000 to 1,100 available seats. This fall, 1,151 new freshmen are enrolled.

While overall enrollment is increasing, the academic profile of Stockton's regular admission freshmen remains consistently high, Dean of Enrollment Management John Iacovelli said. The average freshman's high school class rank is in the 77th percentile and their average SAT score for critical reading and math is 1115.

"For the past eight years, Stockton has shown controlled growth along with strong numbers both in quantity and quality in our entering freshmen class and transfer students," said lacovelli. "That tradition continues with our fall 2015 enrollment."

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lacovelli also said that 94 percent of Stockton's undergraduates are attending full-time, "and very few four-year public colleges and universities can tell you that."

Kesselman noted, "Stockton's flat-rate tuition, which allows students to take up to 20 credits for the price of 12, promotes full-time status and enables students to earn their degrees on time at a lower cost."

He credited faculty, deans, assistant deans and the registrar with working together to develop schedules that offer students all the necessary courses at times that work for them.

Stockton's summer enrollment also grew this year, as more students took advantage of the opportunity to accelerate their degree programs or lighten their fall course loads. The number of students taking courses this summer increased to 2,329, up 2.6 percent from 2,270 in 2014. The summer FTE of 1,991 was up 6.9 percent from 1,863 in summer 2014.

The Class of 2019 and other new students are entering Stockton as it continues expanding its Galloway campus, with 75 percent of the funding coming from the Building Our Future Bond Act passed by New Jersey voters in 2012.

By fall 2017, a major facilities expansion will create an extraordinary new entrance on the main campus. The <u>Academic Quad</u> will include a green on which the community can gather and state-of-the-art facilities to accommodate more students and better prepare them for successful careers in science, technology, mathematics and more.

The Unified Science Center 2 will nearly double the size of the 66,350-square-foot Unified Science Center which opened in 2013. A new academic building will feature a sustainability lab, classrooms and faculty offices.

Stockton's 154,000-square-foot Campus Center, which opened in 2011, provides a central gathering place for students, faculty, staff and the community with its Grand Hall, Event Room, theater, meeting rooms, food court, game room, coffeehouse and offices.

Stockton also has opened instructional sites in the past three years in Manahawkin, Ocean County, in Woodbine, Cape May County, and in Hammonton, in western Atlantic County, increasing access for students.

Click for more information on enrollment.

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^{*}Part-time student hours are totaled to determine how many full-time students that would equal. That number, added to the number of full-time students, equals FTE.