

ACADEMICS HIGHLIGHTS

Undergraduate Major by Class

In Fall 2006, there were 6,660 undergraduates, of whom 31% were freshmen, 23% were sophomores, 19% were juniors, 23% were seniors, and 3% were non-degree seeking students.

Enrollment By Major

Undergraduate: There was a 35% increase in undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University between Fall 2001 and Fall 2006.

- Wall College of Business Administration: 63% increase between Fall 2001 and Fall 2006 – part of this increase is due to majors in new programs such as Economics and Resort Tourism Management.
- Spadoni College of Education: 55% increase between Fall 2001 and Fall 2006 – part of this increase is due to majors in new programs such as Middle Grades Education, Recreation and Sport Management, and Special Education.
- Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts: 101% increase between Fall 2001 and Fall 2006 – part of this increase is due to majors in new programs such as Communication and Philosophy.
- College of Natural and Applied Sciences: 15% increase between Fall 2001 and Fall 2006 – part of this increase is due to majors in the new Physics program.

Graduate: There was a 616% increase in graduate students at Coastal Carolina University between Fall 2001 and Fall 2006. Besides the steady increases in graduate students taking master programs within the College of Education, the new Master of Business Administration and Master in Marine and Wetland Studies have contributed to the increase in graduate students.

Average Size of Lecture Classes

In Fall 2006, the average size of lower- and upper-division lecture classes for the University was 29.8 and 24.7, respectively. The average size of lower- and upper-division classes remained steady between Fall 2004 and Fall 2006.

Average Grade Point Ratio

Average semester and cumulative grade point ratios in Fall 2006 were 2.89 and 2.91, respectively. These ratios are the highest since at least Spring 1998.

Grade Distribution By Discipline

The university-wide average GPA in Fall 2006 was 2.96.

Credit Hour and FTE Production

Credit hour and FTE's produced increased for all colleges between Fall 2005 and Fall 2006.

Student/Faculty Ratio

In Fall 2006, the ratio of FTE student to FTE faculty was 19.2.

Total Degrees Awarded

In 2005-2006, 977 degrees were awarded, an increase of 36% over 2001-2002. Almost 15,000 degrees have been awarded since 1974.