

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Fact Book, 2008

Undergraduate Major by Class

In fall 2008 there were 7,573 undergraduates, of whom 30% were freshmen, 24% sophomores, 20% juniors, 23% seniors, and 3% non-degree seeking students.

Enrollment By Major

Undergraduate: There was a 35% increase in undergraduate student enrollment at Coastal Carolina University between fall 2003 and fall 2008. Specific enrollment highlights by academic college are as follows:

- Wall College of Business Administration: 47% increase between fall 2003 and fall 2008. This increase may be attributed to two majors in new programs such as Economics and Resort Tourism Management.
- Spadoni College of Education: 65% increase between fall 2003 and fall 2008. This increase may be due to majors in new programs such as Middle Level Education and Recreation and Sports Management. The Middle Level Education major grew in enrollment 417% over the five year period.
- Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts: 48% increase between fall 2003 and fall 2008. This increase may be due to the new major in Communication. The Musical Theatre major grew in enrollment 74% over the five year period.
- College of Natural and Applied Sciences: 13% increase between fall 2003 and fall 2008. This increase may be attributed, in part, to the new program in Physics. The Biology and Chemistry majors continue to grow as well with increases in enrollment over the five year period at 48% and 42% respectively.

Graduate: There was an 84% increase in the number of degree-seeking graduate students at Coastal Carolina University between fall 2003 and fall 2008.

Average Size of Lecture Classes

In fall 2008 the average size of lower- and upper-division lecture classes for the University was 27.9 and 23.6 respectfully.

Student/Faculty Ratios

The student/faculty has decreased by 10% between fall 2005 (19.4:1) and fall 2008 (17.5:1). Coastal Carolina University places great emphasis on high quality teaching and faculty as mentors. These goals can be realized, in part, through smaller classes and student/faculty ratios.

Total Degrees Awarded

In 2007-2008, 1,162 degrees were awarded; an increase of 46% over 2003-2004. Since 1974 Coastal Carolina University has awarded nearly 17,000 degrees ranging from the associate to master levels. The Wall College of Business awarded the highest number of degrees (4,648) between 1974 and 2008.