

FIRST-TIME TRANSFER STUDENTS HIGHLIGHTS

Fact Book, 2008

Enrollment and academic trends of first-time transfer students show the following:

- The number of students (658) who transferred to Coastal Carolina University in 2007 increased by 7% over 2006. Transfer students who came to Coastal Carolina University from other South Carolina higher education institutions comprised approximately 42% of the total transfer student population in 2007. The majority of these in-state transfer students, approximately 54%, were previously enrolled at Horry-Georgetown Technical College.
- The first year student retention rate for 2007 transfer students was 81%, an increase of 9% over the 2006 rate.
- There were a total of 611 first-time full-time transfer students enrolled at Coastal Carolina University between fall 2007 and fall 2008. Among this group there were approximately 459 (75%) students continuing their studies at Coastal Carolina University. In geographic origin, 243 (53%) of continuing students were native to South Carolina and 216 (47%) consisted of students from other U.S. states or countries. Among the academic colleges the continuation of first-time full-time transfer students for this period was as follows: Wall College of Business Administration (81%), Spadoni College of Education (81%), Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts (74%), the College of Natural and Applied Sciences (63%) and undeclared majors (70%).

Demographics - First-Time Full-Time Transfers - Fall 2008

- The most prominent ethnic group among the fall 2008 first-time full-time transfers was White/Non-Hispanic (77%) with Black/African Americans consisting of 14% and Hispanics encompassing 3% of this group.
- The number of males and female first-time full-time transfers to Coastal Carolina University were nearly equal with females (52%) slightly outnumbering males (48%).
- First-time full-time transfers during this period consisted mostly of students between the ages of 20 and 22 (58%). An additional 23% consisted of students less than 20 years of age.
- Among the full-time first-time transfers during fall 2008 there were more in-state students enrolled (50%) than out-of-state (47%) and international (3%) students.

- In fall 2008 approximately 31% of the in-state first-time full-time transfer students at Coastal Carolina University originated from the immediate five-county service area of Dillon, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, and Williamsburg counties. Approximately 19% originated from other South Carolina counties.
- Of the 669 first-time full-time transfers to Coastal Carolina University in fall 2008, 69% transferred more than thirty credit hours, 3% transferred with 30 hours, and 28% transferred with less than 30 hours.
- For the full-time first-time transfers during fall 2008 approximately three percent (3%) had not declared a major. The most popular majors for transfers to Coastal Carolina University included: Management (12%), Psychology (7%), Biology (7%), Marine Science (6%) and Marketing (5%).