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Spring enrollment hits new high at UIS

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The University of Illinois Springfield, which topped the 5,000 mark in enrollment last fall, has fallen below that number but still has a record number of students enrolled for the spring semester.

Spring enrollment figures are typically lower than those in the fall because of transfers and students failing to return for the second semester.

UIS has 4,920 students enrolled this spring, an increase of 58 students, or 1.2 percent, over last spring.

The increase is primarily due to carryover from the big increase in fall enrollment, UIS officials said. Enrollment at UIS in fall 2010 was the largest in the institution's 40-year history at 5,174 students, up 4.3 percent from the previous fall.

"We are pleased about this spring's increase in enrollment and anticipate enrollment growth again next fall, as statewide recognition of the quality and affordability of education at UIS — for freshmen, transfer and graduate students — increases," said UIS Chancellor Harry Berman.

Additionally, the number of students majoring in degree programs at UIS that are fully online increased this spring by 67 students, according to Ray Schroeder, director of UIS' Center for Online Learning, Research and Service. The total number of students with online majors is 1,364, which is an increase of 5.2 percent over last spring.

UIS offers 16 online degree programs, both undergraduate and graduate. More than one-fourth of UIS students are online degree program students, and more than half of all students at UIS are taking at least one online class.

UIS has a total of 2,997 undergraduate students and 1,923 graduate students enrolled.

Similar trend at Lincoln Land

Lincoln Land Community College on Monday reported spring enrollment of 6,808, a 1.7 percent increase over the 6,690

students enrolled last spring.

The spring enrollment figure — taken at the midpoint of the semester's first eight-week module — is about 200 students fewer than were enrolled at the same point in fall 2010.

The figures reflect unduplicated enrollment; students taking more than one class are counted just once.

U of I spring enrollment at all-time high

URBANA (AP) — Enrollment at the University of Illinois' Urbana-Champaign campus is at an all-time spring semester high of 40,239.

The university says that's 201 more students than were enrolled on its flagship campus a year ago and compares to 34,886 a decade ago. Last fall's enrollment was 41,949.

Nearly 28,000 of the students enrolled are from Illinois. Just short of 7,000 are foreign students. The largest number, 2,286, come from China.

Among students from Illinois the largest number, 10,095, are from Cook County.

The university says just more than 23,000 students on campus this semester are white. Just more than 2,000 are black, and almost 2,500 are Hispanic. More than 4,500 are Asian.

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