

Record total enrollment for the Fall 1981 quarter at UCSD

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A record number of new undergraduate students and an improvement in the student retention rate has helped to give the University of California, San Diego a record total enrollment of more than 12,000 students during the fall 1981 quarter.

Total registration figures show that 12,319 graduate and undergraduate students have enrolled at UC San Diego, an increase of 901 over fall quarter 1980.

The official registration figures for all students are reported to the Office of the President in Berkeley at the end of the third week of classes, the official university census date. The report is submitted by Ronald J. Bowker, UC San Diego Registrar and Admission Officer, whose office compiles the data.

The undergraduate enrollment of 9,846 is an increase of 797 over fall 1980 and includes 3,018 new students, 211 students who have returned after an absence of more than two quarters, and 6,617 continuing students. Enrollment at the graduate level total 2,473 students with 1,314 on the general campus (an increase of 64 over fall of 1980), 197 at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (an increase of 8 students over last fall) and 962 at the School of Medicine (an increase of 32 over last fall).

According to the report, student retention rate - the number of students who returned to the campus following the summer holiday- increased approximately five percent over 1980. The increase follows a national trend and reflects a concerted effort on the part of the campus to develop new programs and facilities to meet student needs.

As in past years, men outnumber women on the UC San Diego campus by about 1,000 students in the undergraduate enrollment - 5,414 men to 4,432 women. The ratio is much more one sided among graduate students: 893 men to 421 women on the general campus, 151 men to 46 women at Scripps, and 735 men to 227 women at the School of Medicine.

As in past years, biology is the most popular undergraduate major with 2,008 students enrolled. Engineering, however, appears to be gaining in popularity with undergraduate students. The new Division of Engineering which is made up of the Department of Applied Mechanics and Engineering Sciences (AMES) and Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences (EECS) has a total undergraduate enrollment of 2,226 students.

Other popular undergraduate majors include psychology with 582 majors, economics with 543 majors, communications with 452 majors and literature with 319 majors. A total of 1,657 undergraduates are listed as undecided as to a major course of study.

The heaviest academic concentration among general campus graduate students is in the Department of Chemistry with 148 candidates for advanced degrees. EECS is second with 142 candidates and the Department of Literature is third with 115 candidates. The combined graduate enrollment in EECS and AMES gives the UC San Diego campus a total of 237 candidates for advanced engineering degrees.

In the School of Medicine more than half of those enrolled - 509 students are listed as medical students. A total of 432 are interns and residents, 7 are pharmacy residents, and 14 are nurse practitioners.

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