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On Your Time Initiatives

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It has been an exciting and successful year for On Your Time Initiatives as we continue to serve students by helping them get ahead, catch up, or stay on track for graduation. Many of our programs continue to grow and serve more students, such as Summer Semester and Winter Session, both of which have seen increases of 15% since the previous year. In addition, newer initiatives like Accelerated Study Plans and Jump Start: Summer Transfer Program have had solid starts and proven to be successful already. In fact, Jump Start boasts 100% retention of all students in the program, and participants tell us the opportunity to start UofSC a semester early has been beneficial to them both personally and academically, as well as financially. None of these programs would be possible without our academic and administrative partnerships on campus, and we are grateful for their support of new and continuing opportunities to support students. In addition, we pride ourselves on supporting the University's larger strategic plan of allowing students abundant opportunities to succeed. While COVID-19 has brought many challenges to higher education for students, faculty, staff, and institutions as a whole, OYT has played a valuable role on the Carolina campus in pivoting the Spring '20 semester, supporting Summer Semester '20 fully online, and in re-imagining Fall '20 to meet the needs of hybrid and face-to-face classes with precautions on place. The growth in opportunities to serve students is a positive consequence of COVID-19, and we look forward to continuing the ability to meet student needs across a 12-month calendar year and via a variety of modalities. The On Your Time staff are proud of our contributions, many of which are highlighted in this report, and we look forward to continued opportunities to serve the students of Carolina.

OYT PROGRAMS

Summer

Taking courses over the summer is one of the best ways to catch up or to get your degree faster. Tuition doesn't cost any more than during a regular semester. There are hundreds of summer courses available with seven different sessions and many online options, so it's possible to be enrolled part time or full time from home.

Winter

Winter Session is a 3-week, 100% online session that takes place between the Fall and Spring semesters. It's a great way to catch up or get ahead, or lighten your Spring semester load and make time for practicums and internships.

Accelerated Study Plans

Accelerated Study Plans are designed to utilize Summer Semester and Winter Session to get a traditional four-year degree in three years. There are also options to accelerate getting a graduate degree. OYT currently offers 12 undergraduate and 7 graduate ASPs and are increasing options each year, but can work with students of any major to accelerate their graduation date.

Senior Citizens

SC residents over the age of 60 are eligible for the senior citizen tuition waiver. OYT handles advisement and assistance for these students.

Jump Start

To increase academic success and retention amongst the transfer student population, the Jump Start Summer Transfer Program helps foster stronger connections between transfer students and our campus. Students begin coursework early and meet peers in their cohort.

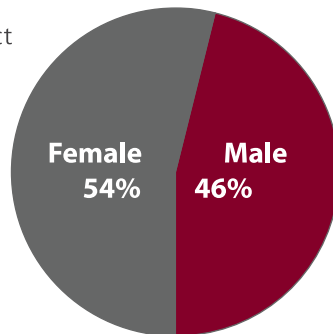
Non-Degree Students

On Your Time serves as the information hub for non-degree-seeking students, as well as advisors.

DIVERSITY & STUDENT IMPACT

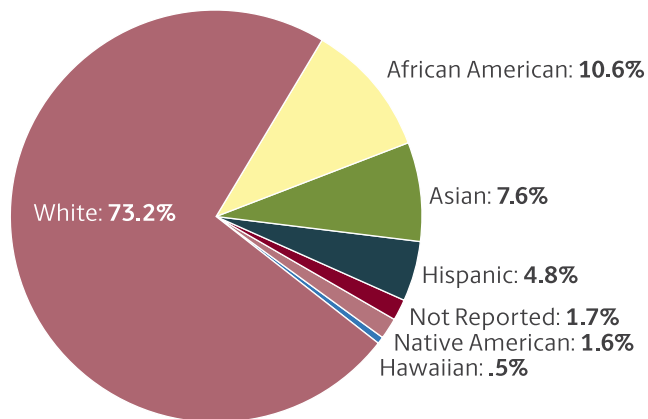
ACHIEVEMENTS

On Your Time Initiatives (OYT) strives to reflect the University's values of diversity, equity, and inclusion. OYT programs strive to reach marginalized student populations, and extend the ability of every UofSC student to graduate in a timely fashion. OYT staff is committed to exploring and implementing ways to achieve a diverse academic setting.



DIVERSITY DEMOGRAPHICS

Data includes: Summer 2020 Undergraduate Enrollees, 2020 Winter Session Enrollees, 2019-2020 ASP Students & Summer 2020 Jump Start Students. Students were counted one time per program.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

23% of students in Accelerated Study Plans, Jump Start, and Winter Session during the 2019-2020 year had received Pell aid during any year.

9.8% increase in the number of Pell recipients from SU 2019 to SU 2020

35% increase in Summer LIFE recipients from 2019 to 2020

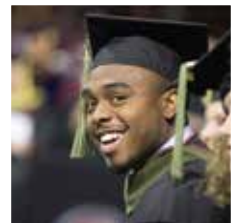
Conference Presentations

• **Meghan Lipinoga** and **Helen Le** at UofSC's Advisors' Conference; Utilizing Data to Assess Diverse Student Needs

• **Amanda Therrell** and **Shelley Dempsey** at 2020 NASPA Virtual Conference: Building Transfer Initiatives on Campus

• **Meghan Lipinoga** and **Amanda Therrell** at the North American Association for Summer Sessions (NAASS) National Conference: Utilizing Data to Develop and Implement Innovative Programming

• **Amanda Therrell** and **Helen Le** at National Resource Center for the First Year Experience's Students in Transition; Developing Transfer Initiatives Using the Design Challenge Process



Summer Opportunities Fair

The Summer Opportunities Fair was an event on campus designed to showcase what UofSC has to offer during Summer Semester, in terms of both academics and extracurricular. Twenty campus partners participated in the event, held in front of the Russell House, and OYT worked with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to collect data for use in future events to better serve our students. Additionally, this was the first Beyond the Classroom event sponsored by OYT, which incentivizes student participation. Though Summer 2020 was shaped differently than anyone expected due to the pandemic, the 15% growth from the previous year attests to the level of student interest gained.



Allison Krensavage

The First Accelerated Study Plan Graduate

My name is Allison Krensavage and I am graduating with Leadership Distinction in Research May 2020. I will be receiving my B.S. in Biological Sciences with a minor in Business Administration. During my time on campus I was a Capstone Fellow, Director of Chapter History for Alpha Gamma Delta, Vice President of Tribeta Biological Honor Society, and an active member in the Gamecock Pre-Vet Club. I also worked in the Mousseau Lab determining how radiation effects mammal populations in Chernobyl and Fukushima and received the Magellan Scholars grant. Outside of campus, I volunteered at Pawmetto Lifeline and was a clinic volunteer at Griffin Animal Hospital. After graduation I will be traveling to South Africa for volunteer veterinary work and I plan on applying to vet school this upcoming cycle. Thanks to the OYT program, I was able to graduate 2 semesters earlier. They helped me out so much and I highly recommend reaching out to them!

CAMPUS PARTNERSHIPS

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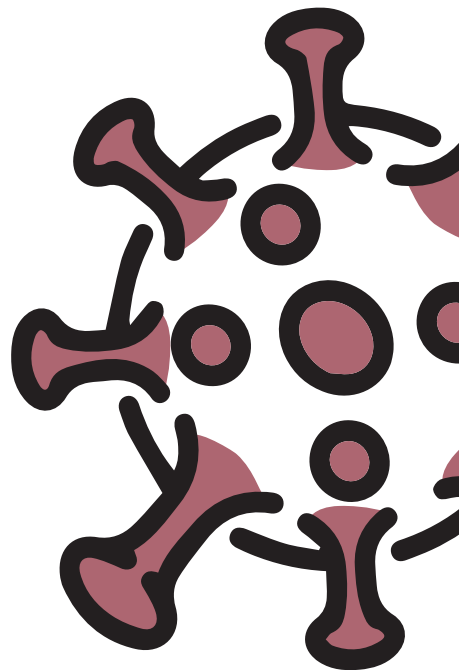


As OYT falls under the umbrella of the Office of the Provost, it shares many initiatives and goals with its sister offices, the **Center for Teaching Excellence** and the **Office of Distributed Learning**. The partnership between OYT and ODL has been essential to the success of Winter Session, both for coordination and student support. OYT and CTE have worked together to make courses available during the seven different summer sessions of varying lengths. Being a very data-driven department, OYT has also worked closely with the **Office of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Analytics** to build reports and utilize data in ways that are beneficial to our students and institution, as well as maintain SACS compliance. OYT also maintains a close partnership with the **University Advising Center**, and OYT and UAC staff members have presented together at major conferences. Additionally, OYT actively seeks to build new campus partnerships and find ways to collaborate across departments, including events such as the OYT Design Challenge and Summer Opportunities Fair.

COVID RESPONSE INITIATIVES

At the onset of the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, On Your Time Initiatives was an early implementer of practices to keep both staff and students safe. During the campus-wide shutdown, OYT staff worked quickly and tirelessly to establish new methods of communication and efficiency to make sure that students still received the same level of timely service with the academic and administrative needs. **As the campus and the world at large have begun to settle into our “new normal,” OYT continues to follow all protocols set at the state, local, and University level to ensure the safety of all staff, as well as students and campus partners, including strategic rotating schedules, social distancing, careful sanitation, conducting all meetings remotely, and regular testing for all staff members on campus needs across a 12-month calendar year and via a variety of modalities.** The On Your Time staff are proud of our contributions, many of which are highlighted in this report, and we look forward to continued opportunities to serve the students of Carolina.

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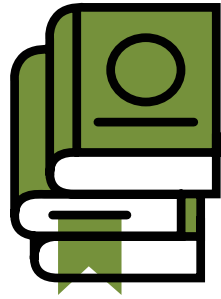


2020 Summer Stats & Data

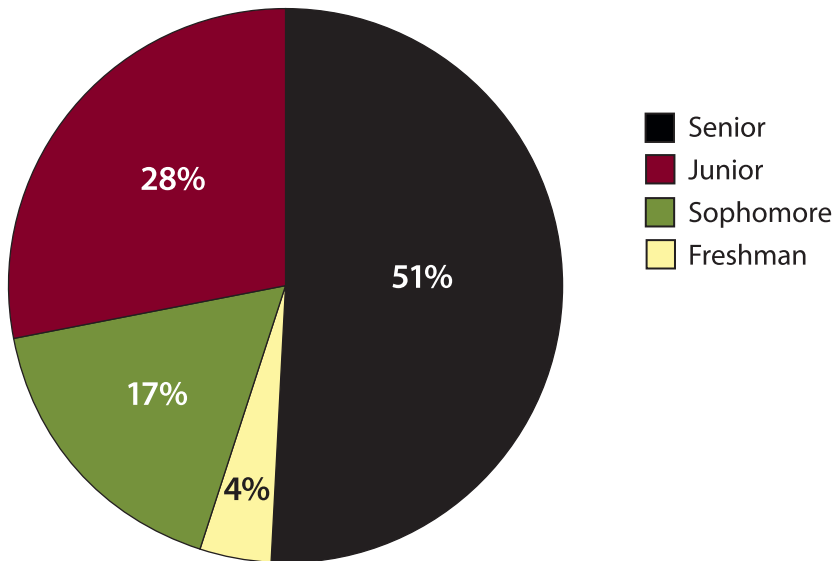
HEADCOUNT: 12,188 (5% increase from 2019) 64% UNDERGRADUATES	31% increase from 2016 to 2020	
UNDERGRADUATE HEADCOUNT: 7,805 (3% increase from 2019)		
FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT (FTE) 5,429 (6.16% increase from 2019)		
UNDERGRADUATE FTE: 3,317 (7.14% increase from 2019)		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS ATTEMPTED: 74,540 (7.64% increase from 2019)		
TOTAL COURSES OFFERED: 1,065 TOTAL SECTIONS OFFERED: 1,809		
RESIDENT ENROLLMENT: 56% NON-RESIDENT ENROLLMENT: 42%		

“I have always used summer classes to catch up, get ahead or just stay engaged – more classes that are flexible – online etc. Love summer at Carolina!”

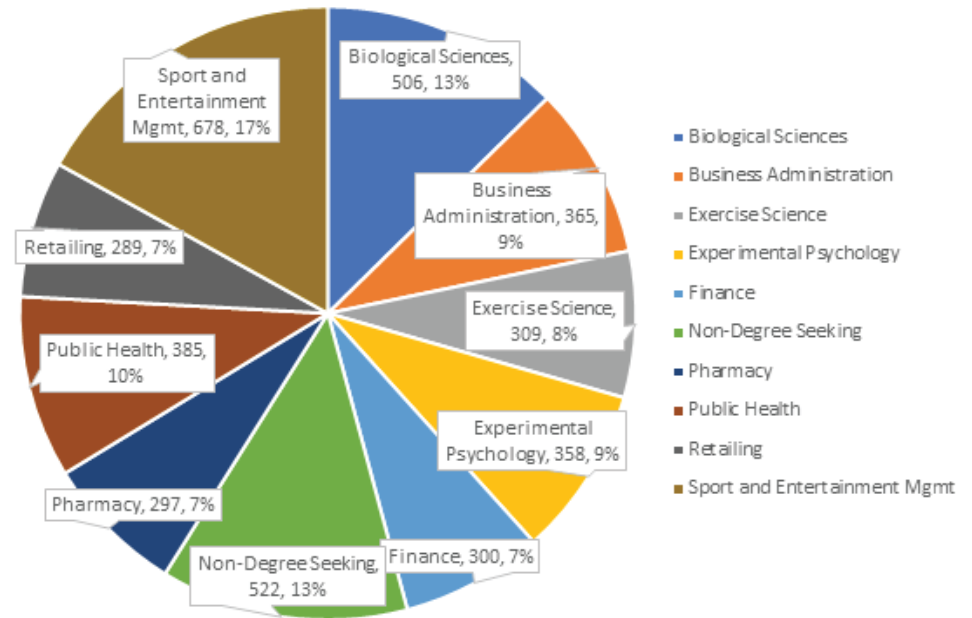
“I enjoyed taking summer courses since it expedited my degree progression.”



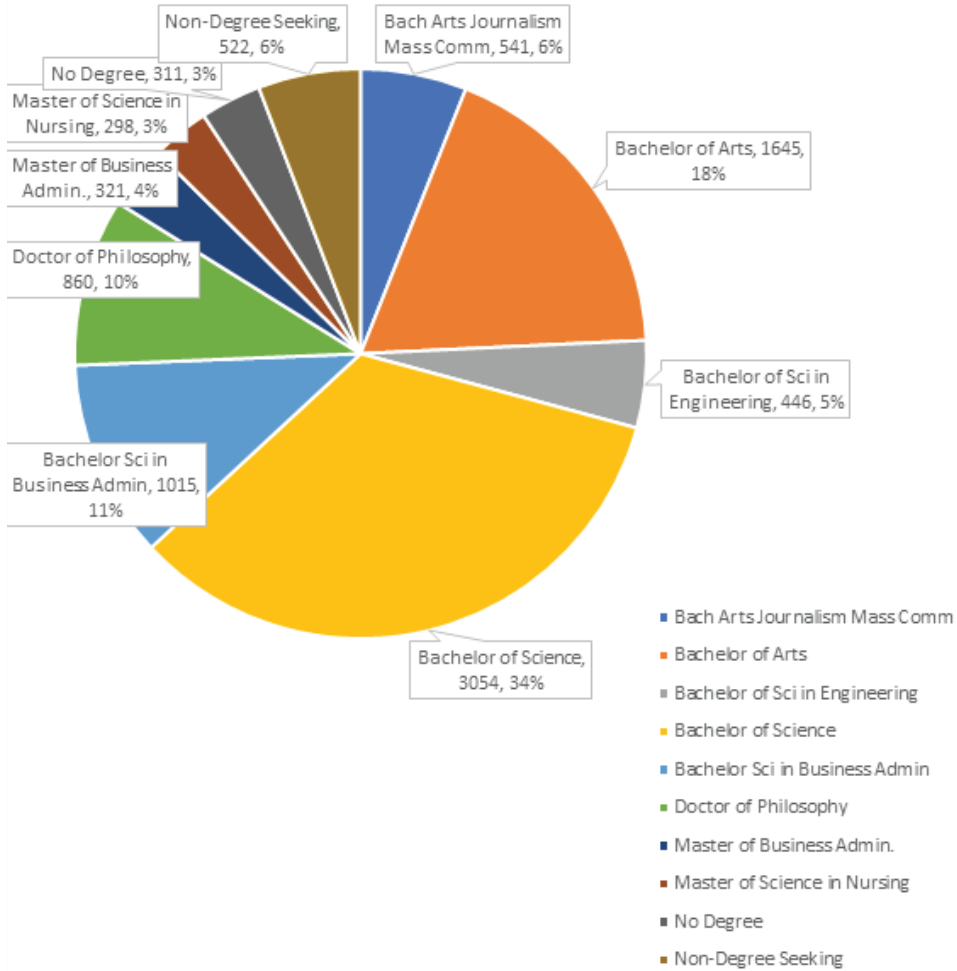
Summer 2020 Enrollment by **CLASS**
(Approximate Numbers)



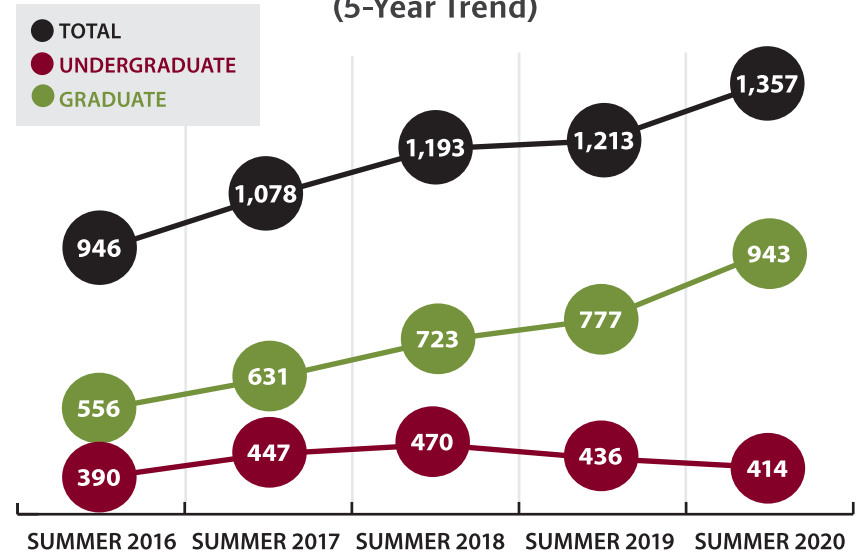
Summer 2020 Enrollment by **MAJOR**
TOP 10 (All Levels)



Summer 2020 Enrollment by DEGREE TOP 10 (All Levels)

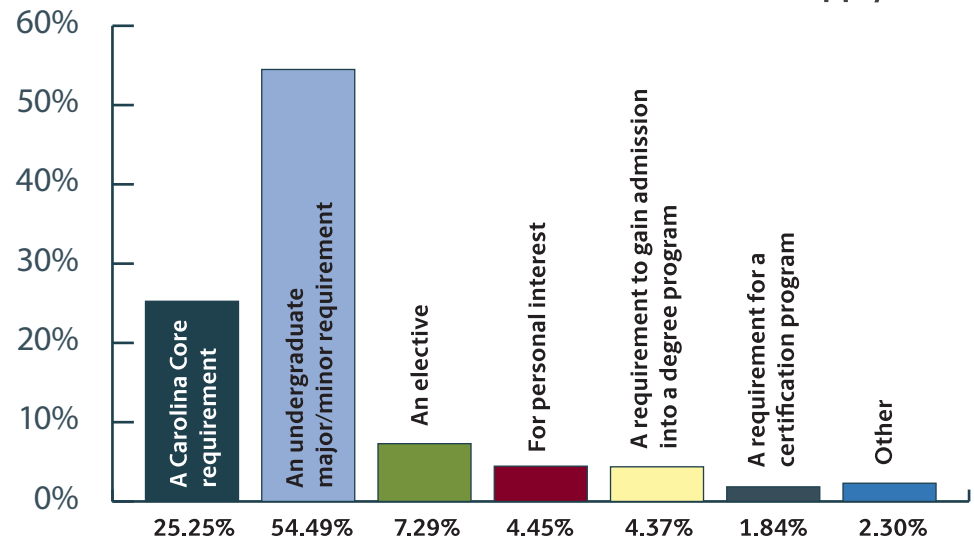


Students Enrolled in 12+ Credit Hours During Summer (5-Year Trend)

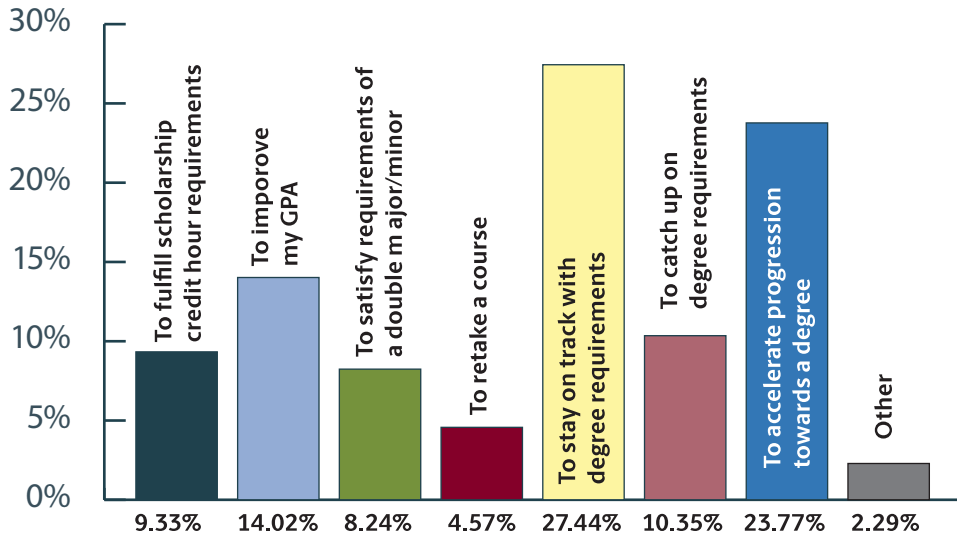


- 21% increase in undergraduate students enrolled in 12+ credit hours from 2019 to 2020
- 43% increase in the total # of students enrolled in 12+ credit hours from 2016 to 2020

The summer course(s) I took were (check all that apply)



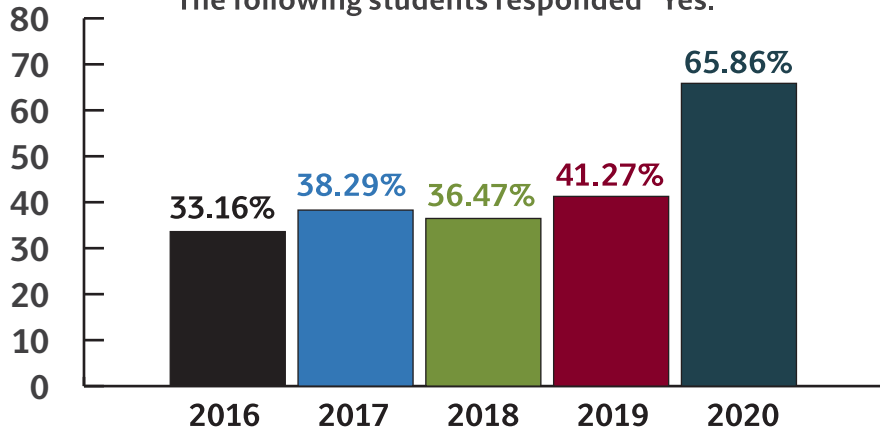
I enrolled in summer at UofSC to (check all that apply)



• 11% of survey respondents stated that they were able to graduate in August 2020 due enrolling in summer session

Were you outside of the Columbia area during your Summer course(s)?

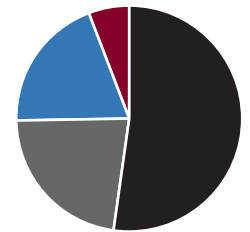
The following students responded "Yes."



2020 Winter Session Stats & Data

ENROLLMENT BY CLASS:

SENIOR: **266**
 JUNIOR: **114**
 SOPHOMORE: **98**
 FRESHMAN: **29**



ENROLLMENT BY GENDER:

FEMALE: **57%**
 MALE: **43%**

AVERAGE CREDIT HOURS FOR SPRING 2020 OF WS ENROLLEES:

16.73



73.3%
 of seniors enrolled in WS were able to apply for May 2020 graduation.

SURVEY FEEDBACK:

76.92% of survey respondents stated that they were outside of the Columbia area during WS. (69.23% increase from 2019)

96.21% felt adequately prepared by UofSC staff for the accelerated pace of WS. (93% increase from 2019)

WS ENROLLEES BY ADMIT TYPE:

- Freshman Early Answer - **208**
- Freshman (First Time) - **146**
- Transfer - **68**
- Transfer Gamecock Gateway - **19**
- Transfer IAP - **14**
- Readmit - **10**
- Readmit Transfer - **10**
- Change of Campus-System - **9**
- Transfer LT 30 Credit Hours - **6**
- Blank - **5**
- Non-degree, XChange - **4**
- Freshman International - **3**
- Non-degree, Readmit - **1**
- Transfer International - **1**

73.3% of seniors enrolled in winter session applied for May 2020 graduation, thanks to the extra hours they earned.

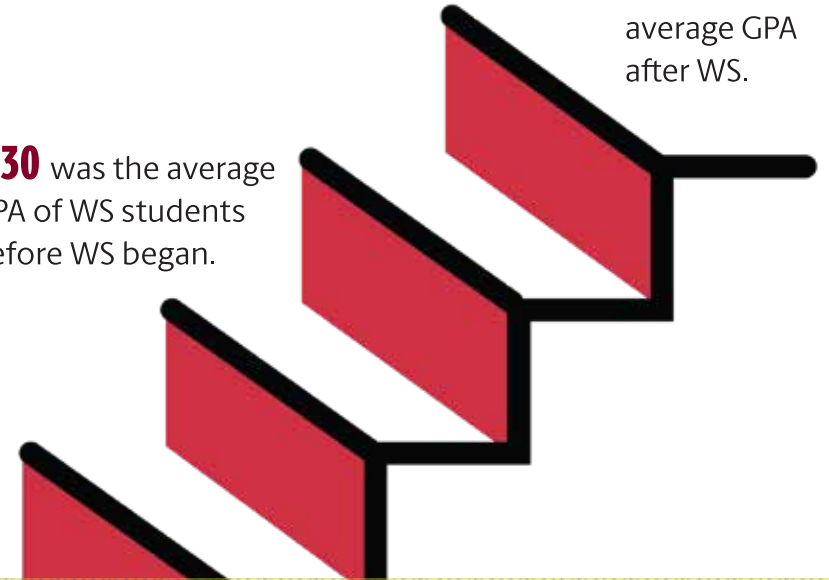
96% of all winter session students felt adequately prepared for the accelerated course pace.

112.5% increase in number of courses offered from 2018 to 2020

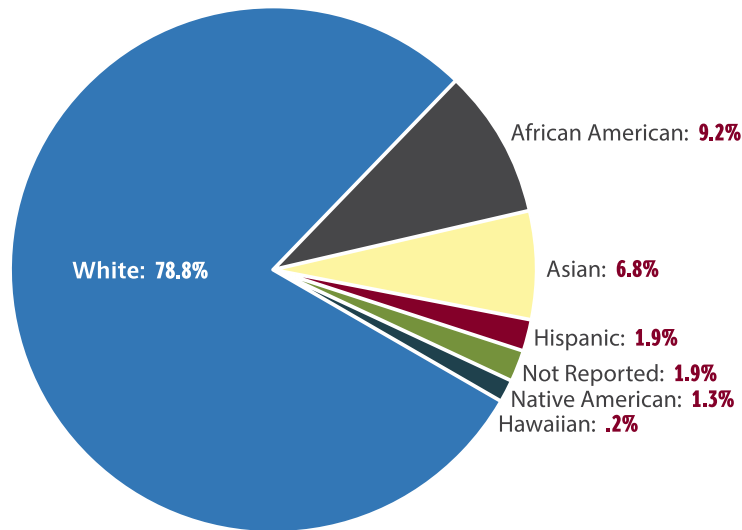
124.7% increase in number of seats filled.

3.30 was the average GPA of WS students before WS began.

3.32 was the average GPA after WS.



ENROLLMENT BY RACE:



“This was my first online class taken at USC and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The class was informative, well structured, and unique. I’m glad that it was offered in the way that it was and it seemed entirely reasonable for a compressed course.”

“Winter sections really made life easier; more classes should be added in the future!”

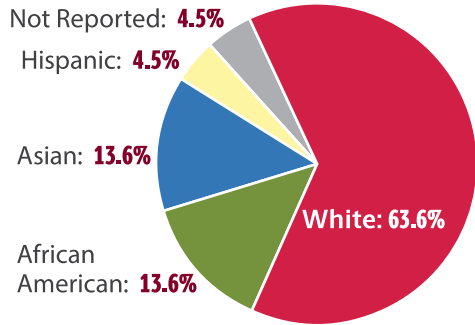
“I think this is a great class to take over winter break. Even though it is an accelerated 3 week course the workload is very manageable. It is also very nice that it counts for two Carolina Core requirements.”

JUMP START

Summer Transfer Program

2020 Jump Start Stats & Data

ENROLLMENT BY RACE:



ENROLLMENT BY GENDER:

FEMALE: **15**
MALE: **5**

AVERAGE ASP STUDENT GPA:

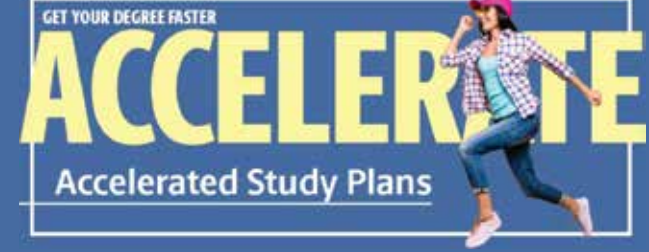
3.721

CURRENT JUMP START DEGREE PROGRAMS

- College of Hospitality, Retail & Sport Management
- College of Information & Communications (Broadcast Journalism, Journalism, Mass Communications, Public Relations & Visual Communications)
- College of Arts & Sciences (Biology, Psychology, Economics, Math, Statistics and Chemistry)

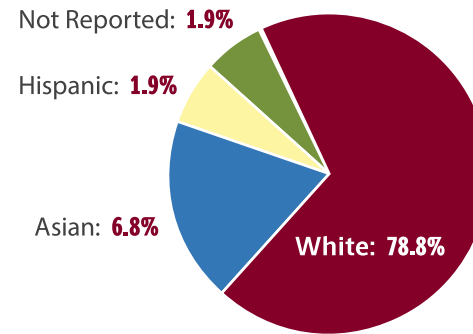
“Jump Start was helpful to me as a transfer student because it introduced me to the UofSC. Not only did it allow me to get a head start in my major but it set me up for success and gave me an idea of what my courses and professors would be like.”

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER



2020 ASP Plans Stats & Data

ENROLLMENT BY RACE:



ENROLLMENT BY GENDER:

FEMALE: **11**
MALE: **3**

AVERAGE JUMP START GPA: **3.467**

100% retention of all Jump Start students in first 2 cohorts

THE BENEFITS OF ASP:

- Priority registration for classes
- Advocates who work with your department for accommodations
- Individual advising to stay on track
- Potential financial savings
- Fast track completing your bachelor's (& sometimes master's)

ACCELERATED BACHELOR'S DEGREE

- Arts & Sciences
- Hospitality, Retail & Sport Management
- Public Health

ACCELERATED BACHELOR'S + MASTER'S

- Arts & Sciences
- Business
- Engineering & Computing

“Early registration is a big plus! It makes it so much easier to get into the classes I want and need.”

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