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UNIVERSITY PARK, IL—Governors State University’s full-time equivalent enrollment (FTE) is the highest in its history, 3,920, showing a 5.4% increase over last year. FTE is the measure used state-wide and nationally to compare university enrollment. GSU’s headcount is also at a high point at 5,938 students.

Highlights of GSU’s Fall Enrollment:

- Student credit hours (SCH) have increased by 5%.
- Full-time undergraduate enrollment is up 9% over last fall.
- The number of full-time master’s students is up 42.5%.
- Minority male enrollment is up 15%.
- International student enrollment has increased 233% over one year ago.
- Prairie Place, GSU’s first residential housing facility, is at 100% capacity.
- Total student enrollment (head count) is up 2.8% over the previous fall.

GSU is bucking the trend of enrollment decreases in Illinois public higher education. Enrollment is growing despite having the smallest state appropriation of all the Illinois public universities. GSU offers its students an affordable, high quality education. Tuition and mandatory fees are the lowest in the state.

GSU provides a model experience for freshmen. Teaching methods at GSU use nationally recognized best practices for student engagement. All courses are taught in small classes by full-time faculty members, providing students with an excellent educational foundation. Highly-engaged, supportive, and proactive advising – academic, financial, and social - also promote student success and retention to graduation.

Governors State University serves more than 5,900 undergraduate and graduate students with 64 degree and 24 certificate programs that prepare them for success in business, industry, healthcare, the arts and education. As a state university, GSU is committed to providing high-quality, accessible, and responsible higher education opportunities. GSU is located 40 miles south of Chicago in University Park, IL and offers the most affordable undergraduate tuition and fees in the state. GSU is committed to embracing diversity and academic excellence.