

# L&C Sees Enrollment Increase This Spring

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GODFREY – Lewis and Clark Community College experienced an increase in enrollment this spring for the first time since the Spring of 2016.

“It is definitely due to everyone’s hard work that we are experiencing an increase in total student enrollment and headcount,” said Vice President of Student Affairs Cherise Jackson. “In addition to new strategies we have deployed focused on recruitment efforts, efforts aimed at retaining students and supporting them through their academic journeys toward graduation are also playing an important role in our overall increases in enrollment.”

As of Feb. 6, the total student headcount was up 9.6 percent to 4,007 students, with total credit hours up 5 percent to 32,869. Of the college’s student body, there are currently 2,444 students (up 5.2 percent) taking 24,776 credit hours (up 3.2 percent) at Lewis and Clark, and 1,563 dual credit students (up 17.3 percent) taking 8,093 credit hours (up 10.9 percent) at their high schools through L&C’s High School Partnership program.

While full-time students (those taking 12 or more credit hours) actually decreased by 3.1 percent, part-time students are up 15.7 percent to 2,852, taking 16,061 credit hours, an increase of 12.8 percent over last spring.

<b>L&amp;C Enrollment Overview - Spring 2023</b>			
	<b>10th Day</b>	<b>10th Day</b>	<b>% Diff</b>
<b>Total Headcount - All Students</b>	3656	4007	9.6%
<b>Total Credit Hours - All Students</b>	31316	32869	5.0%
<b>Total Headcount - Non-High School Partnership</b>	2323	2444	5.2%
<b>Total Credit Hours - Non-High School Partnership</b>	24016	24776	3.2%
<b>Total Headcount - High School Partnership</b>	1333	1563	17.3%
<b>Total Credit Hours - High School Partnership</b>	7300	8093	10.9%
<b>Full-Time Headcount (12 or more credit hours)</b>	1192	1155	-3.1%
<b>Full-Time Credit Hours (12 or more credit hours)</b>	17076.5	16808	-1.6%
<b>Part-Time Headcount</b>	2464	2852	15.7%
<b>Part-Time Credit Hours</b>	14239.5	16061	12.8%
<b>Online Headcount</b>	1069	976	-8.7%
<b>Online Credit Hours</b>	11965.5	11490	-4.0%

Online headcount and credit hours were also down, potentially from more students coming back to campus, Jackson said.

College leadership presented a new Enrollment Management Plan to the Board in December, with many of its strategic efforts focused on creating access points for students and removing barriers that stop them from pursuing and achieving higher education, said L&C President Ken Trzaska.

Two of those efforts are an evolution in flexible course formats like Blendflex and an investment in Competency-Based Education, which will measure student learning and success based on skills outcomes rather than seat time in classes.

“Our latest enrollment numbers at Lewis and Clark Community College make me proud and reflect the tremendous commitment and perseverance of our team of professionals,” Trzaska said. “The college has undergone tremendous change in recent years, and I want to thank our community, our students, and everyone who has stayed committed to the important work we do. We are optimistic and look forward to years to come of continued advancement and growth.”

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