Meet Your Incoming Fall 2014 Freshman Class
(First Day of Classes, 08/18/2014)

Applied, Admitted and Enrolled*

Applications ........................................... 15,401
Admitted .................................................. 6,640
Enrolled (unofficial/pre-census) ........... 1,772*
  Academic Success Program .......... 124
  Honors College ................. 198
  Student Athletes ............... 125

* includes part-time students

High School Academic Profile*

Average Weighted GPA.................................... 3.67
Average ACT Composite .................................. 22
Average SAT Combined .................................. 1039
Percent in Top Tenth of High School Graduating Class ..... 13%
Percent in Top Quarter of High School Graduating Class ... 39%
Percent in Top Half of High School Graduating Class .... 79%

* Includes only SAT and ACT scores used for making admission decisions, in accordance with a new methodology employed by General Administration and the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data

Learning Communities

Athletics and the University .......................... 24
Band of Brothers ................................. 75
Cultural Comp and Social Action .............. 25
Digital Culture .................................. 25
Families in American Culture .................. 31
Freshmen Leadership Institute ................ 25
Global Health in the New Age .................. 24
Going Green .................................. 25
Outdoor Adventure ............................... 25
Power, Politics, and Public Discourse ........ 24
Ripple Effect .................................. 20
WHEE Teach .................................. 50
Secrets of Powerful Women ................. 75
Honors Forum .................................. 183
Academic Success Program .................. 130

Demographics

54% Female
46% Male

Citizenship

US Citizens ............................................ 99.2%
In-State ............................................. 91.8%
Out-of-State ........................................ 8.2%
Resident Aliens and Permanent Residents .... 0.4%
International Citizens ................. 0.4%

Ethnicity

American Indian or Alaska Native ............ 0.5%
Asian ................................................. 1.2%
Black or African American ................. 6.2%
Hispanics of Any Race ......................... 7.3%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander .. 0.1%
Multiracial .................................. 5.0%
White ................................................. 79.0%
Unknown or Did Not Disclose .......... 0.7%

Geography

North Carolina ... 1626
Georgia ........... 49
South Carolina .... 35
Virginia .......... 8
New Jersey ...... 7
Florida .......... 7
Maryland ......... 6
Tennessee ...... 6
New York ....... 4
Illinois ..........3
Texas ............2
California .......1
Indiana ..........1
Michigan .......1
Ohio ...........1
Pennsylvania ....1
Washington ...1
Wisconsin .......1

Office of Institutional Planning & Effectiveness
Year in Review and Fun Facts for 1996  
(the year the majority of new freshmen were born)

Most Popular Names for Incoming WCU Freshmen  
Emily for females (23), Joshua and Taylor for males (20)

President and Vice President  
Bill Clinton (42nd) and Al Gore

Cost of Living
Median Household Income.................. $35,492  
Average Cost of a New House ........... $166,400  
Average Cost of a New Car................ $21,750  
Average Cost Per Gallon of Gas.......... $1.23  
Average cost per gallon of milk............ $2.62

Top Selling Auto in US - Ford Taurus

Popular TV Shows  
ER  
Seinfeld  
Suddenly Susan  
Friends  
The Naked Truth

Popular Musicians/Groups  
Alanis Morissette  
Fugees  
No Doubt  
Spice Girls  
Oasis

Popular Movies  
Independence Day  
Twister  
Mission: Impossible  
Jerry Maguire  
Ransom

Popular Song and Dance - “Macarena”

Popular Toy - Tickle Me Elmo

First Mobile Flip Phone - Motorola StarTAC

Historic Events

The Summer Olympics are held in Atlanta, GA  
Osama Bin Laden is expelled from Sudan and moves to Afghanistan  
The US stock markets end the year over the 6,000 mark  
President Clinton appoints Madeleine Albright as the first female US Secretary of State  
In 12 months the number of internet host computers goes from 1 million to 10 million  
TWA Flight 800 explodes shortly after takeoff over the Atlantic Ocean near Long Island  
The first production electric car, the General Motors EV-1, becomes available for lease  
MSNBC (24 hour news channel) a joint venture between Microsoft and NBC debuts  
American Pathfinder launched beginning its 310 million mile mission to Mars  
FBI arrests suspected “Unibomber”, Ted Kaczynski  
The first version of the Java programming language is released  
Mother Teresa receives honorary US citizenship

Nobel Prize Winners

Physicists ............David M. Lee, Douglas D. Osheroff, Robert C. Richardson  
Chemist ................Robert Curl, Sir Harold Kroto, Richard Smalley  
Medicines ..................Peter C. Doherty, Rolf M. Zinkernagel  
Literature ........................................Wislawa Szymborska  
Peace ........................................Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo, Jose Ramos-Horta

Popular Song and Dance - “Macarena”

Academy Award Winners

Best Picture.............................................. Braveheart  
Best Director ...........................................Mel Gibson Braveheart  
Best Actor ............................................Nicolas Cage Leaving Las Vegas  
Best Actress ............................................Susan Sarandon Dead Man Walking  
Best Supporting Actor ......................Kevin Spacey The Usual Suspects  
Best Supporting Actress ......................Mira Sorvino Mighty Aphrodite

Best Country Album ..................Lyle Lovett The Road to Ensenada  
Best Rap Album ..................Fugees “The Score”  
Best R&B Album ..................The Tony Rich Project “Words”  
Best Rock Album ...............Sheryl Crow

Grammy Award Winners

Album of the Year .......................Celine Dion Falling Into You  
Song of the Year ............................Eric Clapton “Change the World”  
Best New Artist ..........................LeAnn Rimes  
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