

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

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

Geography

North Carolina... 1626	Illinois.. ..3
Georgia..... 49	Texas2
South Carolina..... 35	California.....1
Virginia..... 8	Indiana.....1
New Jersey..... 7	Michigan.....1
Florida..... 7	Ohio.....1
Maryland..... 6	Pennsylvania.....1
Tennessee..... 6	Washington.....1
New York..... 4	Wisconsin.....1

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

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%

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 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*

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
 Best Country Album.....Lyle Lovett *The Road to Ensanada*
 Best Rap Album.....Fugees "The Score"
 Best R&B Album..... The Tony Rich Project "Words"
 Best Rock Album Sheryl Crow *Sheryl Crow*

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



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

Popular Toy - Tickle Me Elmo



First Mobile Flip Phone - Motorola StarTAC

