Meet Your Incoming Fall 2021 Freshman Class
(Unofficial/Pre-Census Counts)

Applied, Admitted and Enrolled*

- Applications: 13,151
- Admitted: 9,778
- Enrolled (unofficial/pre-census): 1,754*

Academic Success Program: 35
Honors College: 299

Learning Communities

- Global Issues: 40
- Latin X: 44
- Ripple Effect: 42
- Virus Hunters: 39
- WHEE Teach: 85

High School Academic Profile*

- Average Weighted GPA: 3.78
- Average Unweighted GPA: 3.43
- Average ACT Composite: 22.0
- Average SAT Combined: 1138
- Percent in Top Tenth of High School Graduating Class: 15%
- Percent in Top Quarter of High School Graduating Class: 38%

* 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 System.

Demographics

- 56% Female
- 44% Male

Citizenship

- US Citizens: 98.3%
- In-State: 82.4%
- Out-of-State: 17.6%
- Resident Aliens and Permanent Residents: 0.4%
- Non-Resident Aliens: 1.3%

Ethnicity*

- American Indian or Alaska Native: 0.9%
- Asian: 1.2%
- Black or African American: 6.7%
- Hispanics of Any Race: 7.4%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0.1%
- Multiracial: 4.6%
- Non-Resident Aliens: 1.3%
- White: 76.3%
- Unknown or did not disclose: 1.6%

*per IPEDS definitions of race/ethnicity

Office of Institutional Planning & Effectiveness
Year in Review and Fun Facts for 2003
(the year most new freshmen were born)

President and Vice President
George W. Bush (43rd) and Dick Cheney
3rd year in office

Cost of Living
- Median Household Income: $43,318
- Median home price: $195,000
- Average cost of new car: $22,894
- Average annual tuition & fees (4-year public universities, in-state): $5,363
- Average cost per gallon of gas: $1.59
- Cost of first-class stamp: $0.37

Popular Movies
- Finding Nemo
- Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl
- The Matrix Reloaded
- The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King
- Bruce Almighty

Popular TV Shows
- CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
- American Idol
- Friends
- The Apprentice
- ER

Popular Music
- 50 Cent
- Justin Timberlake
- Shania Twain
- Linkin Park
- Dixie Chicks

Popular Music
- Album of the Year: Outkast - Speakerboxx/The Love Below
- Song of the Year: Luther Vandross - Dance With My Father
- Best New Artist: Evanescence
- Best Rock Album: Foo Fighters - One by One
- Best Country Album: Various Artists - Songs of the Louvin Brothers
- Best R&B Album: Luther Vandross - Dance With My Father

Nobel Prize Winners
- Peace: Shirin Ebadi
- “for her efforts for democracy and human rights. She has focused on the struggle for the rights of women and children”
- Chemistry: Peter Agre and Roderick MacKinnon
- “for discoveries concerning channels in cell membranes, the discovery of water channels”, and “for structural and mechanistic studies of ion channels.”
- Physics: Alexei Abrikosov, Vitaly Ginzburg, Anthony Leggett
- “for pioneering contributions to the theory of superconductors and superfluids.”
- Medicine: Paul Lauterbur and Sir Peter Mansfield
- “for their discoveries concerning magnetic resonance imaging.”
- Literature: John Maxwell Coetzee
- “who in innumerable guises portrays the surprising involvement of the outsider.”
- Economics: Robert Engle
- “for methods of analyzing economic time series with common trends (cointegration).”

Academy Award Winners
- Best Picture: Chicago
- Best Actor: Adrian Brody - The Pianist
- Best Actress: Nicole Kidman - The Hours
- Best Supporting Actor: Chris Cooper - Adaptation
- Best Supporting Actress: Catherine Zeta-Jones - Chicago

2003 Notable Events
- Feb.: Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrates during reentry over Texas
- Mar.: World Health Organization issues global alert on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
- Mar.: The Iraq War begins with the invasion of Iraq by U.S. and allied forces
- Apr.: U.S. forces seize control of Baghdad, ending the regime of Saddam Hussein
- Apr.: Apple launches the iTunes Music Store
- May: Dewey, the first cloned deer is born at Texas A&M Univ., and Prometia, the first cloned horse is born in Cremona, Italy
- Jul.: World Health Organization declares that SARS is contained
- Oct.: China launches Shenzhou 5, their first human spaceflight
- Dec.: Former Iraq President Saddam Hussein is captured by the U.S. Army
- Date unknown: The hacker/activist group Anonymous, a decentralized international collective known for cyber attacks against government institutions and corporations originates in 2003