

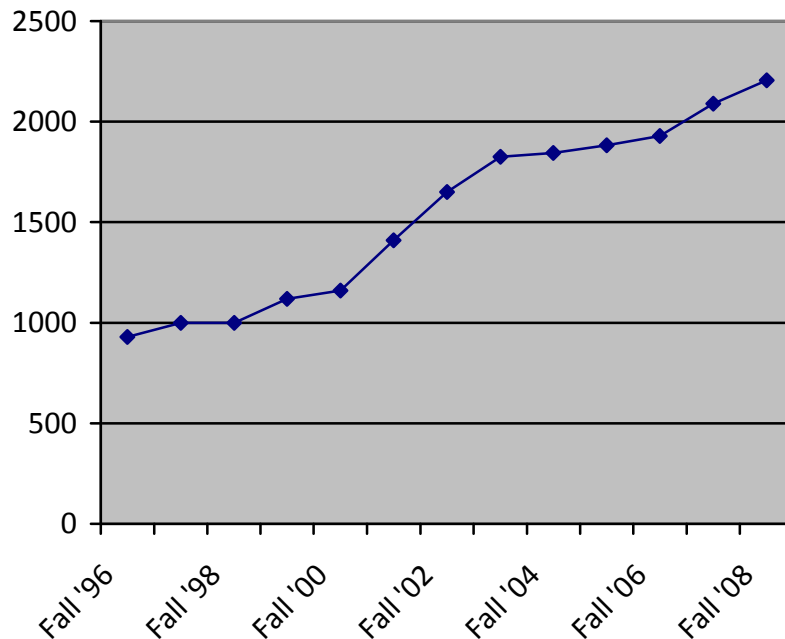
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University Center Enrollment Increases for Fall 2008

SIOUX FALLS, SD – October 6, 2008 – Enrollment at South Dakota Public Universities & Research Center (University Center) is up 5.6% for the fall 2008 term. Total enrollment at UC this fall is 2,206 students, an increase of 117 students over fall 2007.

“We are pleased that this fall’s report supports the pattern of continued growth we have seen over the last several years” said Mark Lee, University Center Executive Dean. In the past three years, University Center has grown from 1,883 students in the fall of 2005 to more than 2,200 today – an increase of 17%. Since fall 2000, the last fall term at the Bergeland Center in downtown Sioux Falls, University Center has seen significant enrollment growth. In this time, headcount has grown by 90% and the number of credit hours delivered has increased by 172%.

Unduplicated Headcount





For the fall 2008 term, the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students at University Center is 1,195. This reflects the number of credit hours taken by each student. The difference between University Center’s headcount enrollment and FTE points to the type of students who study at University Center – individuals attending part-time while working full or part-time jobs. Lee noted, “Our continued growth confirms that we are meeting the unique needs of the adult learners in the Sioux Falls community.”

	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Change	% Change
Headcount	2,089	2,206	117	5.60%
FTE	1,160	1,195	35	3.02%

Enrollment growth in recent years has created the need for more space to deliver classes. Construction is currently underway on a new University Center classroom building and research center at N. Career Avenue and 60th Street. Classes will be offered in the new building beginning in January 2009.

About University Center

South Dakota Public Universities & Research Center, or University Center, provides the greater Sioux Falls community with convenient local access to public higher education programs from in-state partner Universities. University Center offers programs from the University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University and Black Hills State University. At University Center the focus is on the adult learner and academic programs and courses that foster and support the economic development of the Sioux Falls area.

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