#### **Graduate Studies Enrollment**

Overview and Strategies

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#### **Current State of Graduate Studies**

- 13 Masters Programs and 2 Doctoral Programs
- 6 programs currently delivered online
   (9 programs approved for online delivery)
  - Master of Business
     Administration
  - Master of Science in Sport Management
  - Master of Arts in Second Language, Acquisition, Policy and Culture

- Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
- Master of Health Administration
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Master of Science in Education
- Doctor of Education



#### **Current State of Graduate Studies**

- 6 programs not available completely online:
  - Master of Arts in Communication
  - Master of Arts in English
  - Master of Social Work
  - Master of Public Administration

- Master of Science in Industrial Management
- Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

- 17 Certificate Programs
  - 12 available completely online
  - 8 new certificates approved since Spring 2019

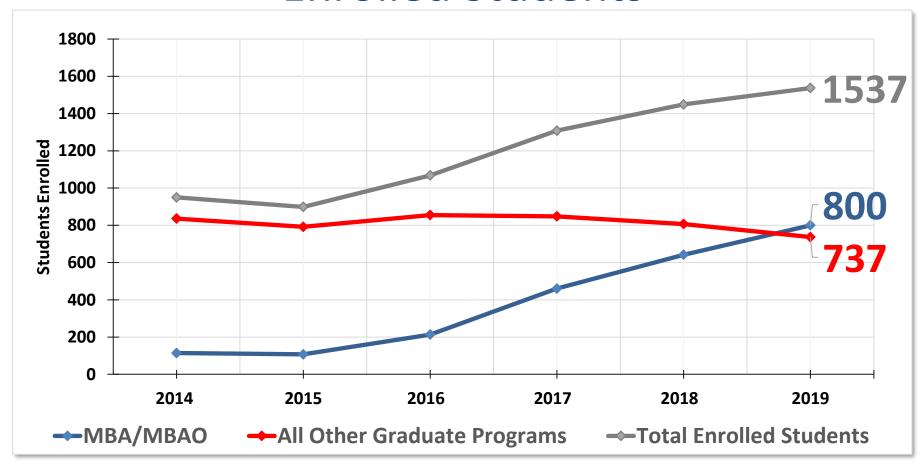


# Current State of Graduate Studies: Spring 2020

- 1,566 students (1,505 in Spring 2019)
- 9,466 credit hours generated (9,124 in Spring 2019)
- 85% (1,341) taking only online courses
- 78% (7,383) credit hours generated from online courses
- 49.9% (782) graduate students enrolled in MBA-O
- 47.8% (4,533) credit hours generated from MBA-O

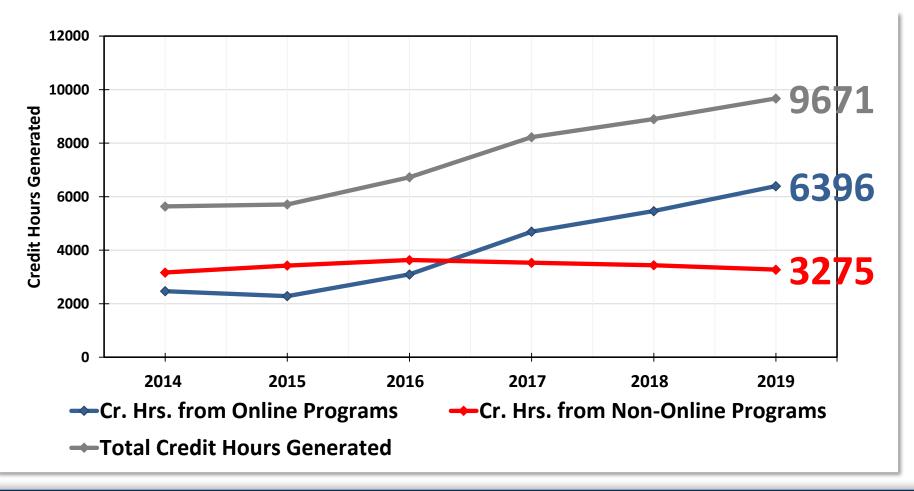


## Graduate Studies Fall Enrollment Trends Enrolled Students



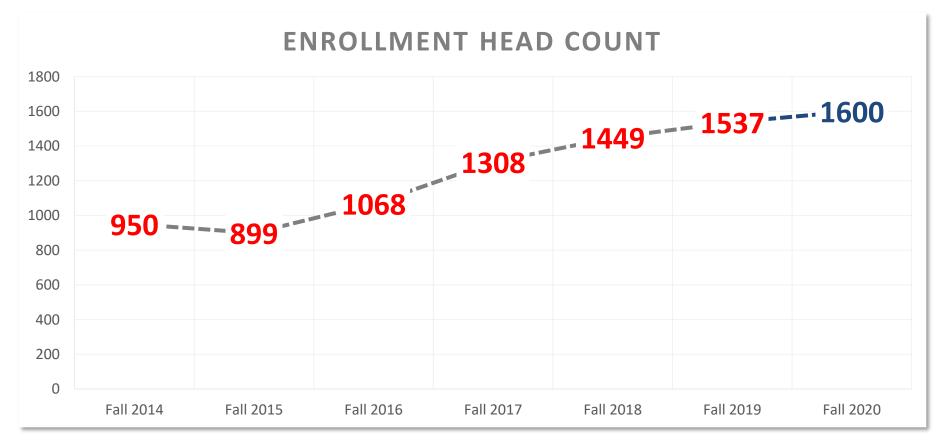


## Graduate Studies Fall Enrollment Trends Credit Hours Generated





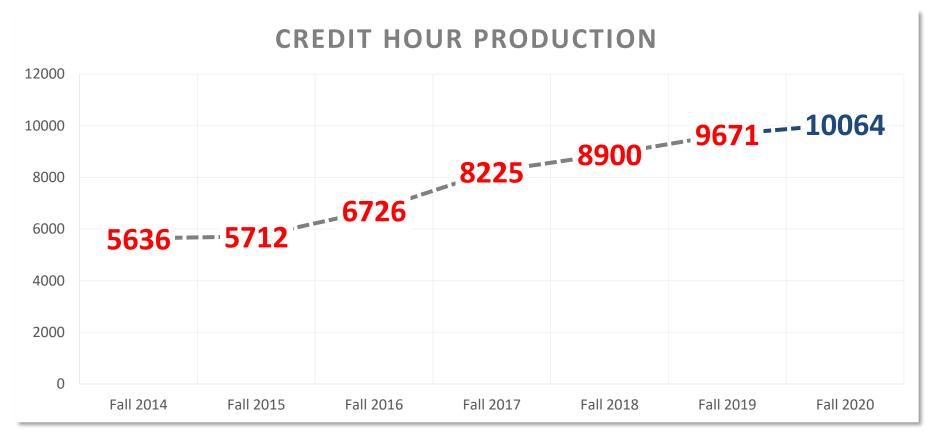
#### Fall 2020 Estimates



--- Enrollment Head Count --- Fall 2020 Enrollment Estimate



#### Fall 2020 Estimates



--- Credit Hour Production --- Fall 2020 Credit Hour Estimate



## Challenges

- Current Graduate Studies and program applications
  - Difficult to complete
  - Program Requirements
  - Time to final decision is too long
- Customer Relationship Management system (CRM)
- Data
- Engaging our current students
- Engaging our alumni



### **Opportunities**

- Process Maps:
  - Prospects Application Enrollment
- New Application (Qualtrics/Ellucian)
- Access to a more powerful CRM (Fireworks)
- Rethinking Admissions Requirements
- Simplifying Program Applications
- Speed and Urgency
- Online Delivery
- Bi-Term Course Offerings



#### Recruitment Initiatives

- Digital Marketing
  - Coordinating closely with Online Learning
- RNL/NAGAP 2020 Marketing & Recruitment Practices for Graduate Students Report (January 2020):
  - "Institutions are clearly seeing the effectiveness of digital advertising and search engine marketing....
     Digital advertising and retargeting are cost-effective means that are also some of the most trackable advertising methods available."



#### Recruitment Initiatives

- Graduate Studies Social Media Ads
  - Facebook and Instagram placements
  - Goal to drive audience to Graduate Studies website
  - Targeting areas of upcoming Graduate School Fairs



### Recruitment Initiatives: Digital Media

- Current Impact
   (as of February 24)
  - Over 12,600 impressions
  - 8,000 reach results
  - 89 clicks to landing page

