

# Enrollment Has Increased Six Consecutive Fall & Spring Semesters at SWOSU

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University with campuses in Weatherford and Sayre has enjoyed enrollment increases for the past six consecutive fall and spring semesters—something not common at colleges and universities in Oklahoma.

SWOSU 2017 spring semester enrollment was up 3.2% from the 2016 spring semester.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education will release official enrollment numbers for all universities later this spring.

In the latest OSRHE report, enrollment numbers for this past fall semester reflect that SWOSU had the largest percentage enrollment increase of students among all four-year public universities. SWOSU was one of only three four-year universities that had increases, while the other 10 had decreases. SWOSU's full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment increased 4.1% in the fall.

FTE enrollment is based on the definition of a full-time student. A full-time undergraduate student enrolls in 15 credit hours per semester, and a graduate or professional student enrolls in 12 credit hours per semester.

SWOSU officials are naturally pleased but cautious, knowing that the number of high school graduates across the nation continues to decline and the higher education market becomes more competitive.

"I truly believe that students and their parents are smart shoppers when it comes to one of the most important investments that they will make in their lifetime," SWOSU President Randy Beutler said. "SWOSU is nationally known as an affordable institution with high quality programs. It is well known that a degree from SWOSU can lead to successful careers."

SWOSU is already gearing up for the 2017 fall semester with New Student Orientation sessions for incoming freshmen set up for the following dates:

- **Friday, March 31 (closed—already filled)**
- **Thursday, April 6**
- **Wednesday, April 12**
- **Monday, June 19**
- **Monday, July 17**
- **Wednesday, August 16**

High school seniors who need more information on the NSO sessions can visit the SWOSU website ([www.swosu.edu](http://www.swosu.edu)) or call 580.774.3233.