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Enrolment up at the University of Lethbridge's Calgary campus

This fall, the University of Lethbridge welcomed one of the largest groups of students in its history, with a significant increase in the number of new students starting their classes at the Calgary campus.

Enrolment in Calgary increased by 2.6 per cent, for a total of 795 students. Dr. Mike Mahon, U of L president, announced the figure during his annual Fiat Lux address on Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Primarily for adult learners who are working full-time, classes are offered in the evenings and on weekends. Through Campus Alberta, students can take advantage of laddering opportunities with Bow Valley College, Olds College and Athabasca University. In addition to the Bachelor of Management currently offered, the Faculty of Fine Arts has hired a full-time instructor and now offers a minor in New Media in Calgary. Three very successful sections of Education 2500 (Orientation to Teaching) were offered over the summer and three Master of Science in Management students are working from offices on the Calgary campus as they pursue their graduate programs.

The total number of students registered at the U of L equals 8,453, which represents an increase of 2.8 per cent from last fall. On the Lethbridge campus, 31 per cent of the student body comes from Calgary.

The number of new high school registrants increased by more than 18 per cent from last year. To help ensure students make a successful transition from high school to university, Mahon stressed the need for the U of L community to continue offering their support.

The U of L also welcomed more First Nations, Métis and Inuit students this year, with enrolment up 8.1 per cent from last year.

“The University of Lethbridge remains an institution of choice for students across Alberta and beyond because of our high-quality academic programs and a focus on supporting our students,” says Mahon.

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