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Included below is a press release regarding Summer 2006 Semester enrollment figures for Ferris State University.

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### **Ferris reaches record enrollment third straight year**

BIG RAPIDS – Summer enrollment has once again hit a record high at Ferris State University with 5,091 students attending summer semester classes. This is the third consecutive year enrollment has been up during summer semester for the University.

Summer 2006 enrollment figures mark an increase of 174 students more than last year's total of 4,917.

Stricter enrollment standards are one such initiative officials attribute to successful growth and retention, saying stricter academic standards lead to better prepared students enrolling at the University.

“We have more serious students and the summer is attractive for students who want to knock off another class or two,” said Craig Westman, associate dean of Enrollment Services and director of Admissions and Records.

Vice President for Student Affairs Daniel Burcham also noted the University's special offer of a free, private room for summer semester is an added bonus. To qualify for the free room, students must be enrolled in classes on the Big Rapids campus, take six credits or more at regular tuition rates and purchase a meal plan with a minimum of 10 meals per week.

Ferris State University is a four-year public university with campuses in Big Rapids, Grand Rapids and satellite campuses across the state. Ferris offers more than 170 educational programs, including doctorates, master's, bachelor's and associate degrees, through nine academic colleges: Allied Health Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Human Services, the Michigan College of Optometry, Pharmacy, Technology, Kendall College of Art and Design and the College of Professional and Technological Studies. Ferris also has a University College that provides students with instruction in study skills, reading, career exploration and features an Honors Program. Founded in 1884 by educator, Michigan Governor and United States Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris, the University's mission is to be a national leader in career-oriented, technological and professional education.

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