Number of DePaul Students Taking Online Courses Increases

Credit hours generated by DePaul’s online course offerings have grown from nearly 35,000 to more than 41,000 hours over the past five years. In fall 2009, online courses account for 12% of all graduate credit hours and 4% of all undergraduate hours generated at DePaul.

As programs at DePaul continue to increase opportunities for students to take courses online, are the same students taking more online courses, or are more students signing up for online courses? As of fall 2009, data reveal that the number of individual students taking online courses has been increasing.

The number of students taking undergraduate online courses has risen from 657 students in fall 2003 to more than 1,500 students in fall 2009, a 133% increase. Students taking graduate online courses have experienced an even greater increase at 212%.

Overall, the number of individual students enrolling in online courses has grown 159% from fall 2002 (996 students) to fall 2009 (2,577 students).

### Footnote:
Graduate and undergraduate totals may not add to overall total, as students who take both undergraduate and graduate level courses in the same term are counted once in each category.