

## **THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI 2002 AND 2003 ENROLLMENT PROJECTION ASSUMPTIONS**

Enrollment projections should not be considered enrollment goals of the institution. Enrollment projections represent a conditional statement about the future as it reflects the past, and are built upon an assumption that enrollment in the years ahead will reflect recent trends and experiences. Enrollment goals, however, are action-oriented aspirations that drive various University activities such as recruiting efforts and strategies. Therefore, the enrollment projections for the University do not depict enrollment goals nor attempt to predict the impact of changing social and economic conditions.

### **Basic Assumptions Underlying the Enrollment Projection for the Oxford Campus**

- Progression rates from class to class for Mississippi public school students will remain stable.
- The relationship between the number of first-time full-time freshmen at the University and the size of the previous year's public high school senior class will be predictable.
- The level of non-resident first-time full-time freshmen enrollment will be similar to that in Fall 2001.
- Progression rates from class to class for undergraduates will remain unchanged.
- The proportion of part-time students at each class level will remain stable.
- Enrollment at all graduate levels will change only slightly.
- No major changes will occur in the University's social, economic, and political environments that will significantly affect enrollment.

### **Mississippi's Public School 12th Grade Enrollment Projection**

Using first-month enrollment figures by grade level for the public elementary and secondary schools in Mississippi as reported annually by the Mississippi State Department of Education, a cohort survival technique was used to project 12th grade enrollment through 2006.