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Retention of Undergraduate Students Fall 2015 to Spring 2016

Executive Summary

This report tracks the enrollment patterns of undergraduate students enrolled in the Fall 2015 term. Using the Banner system, students were classified as enrolled, withdrawn, or graduated for Spring 2016. Those classified as graduated received their degrees in Fall 2015. The tables that follow look at four different (but overlapping) cohorts of students: all undergraduates, new freshmen, new freshmen who were provisionally admitted, and new transfer students.

Compared to 2014-15, two out of four of the cohorts showed increases in fall to spring retention. The overall fall to spring retention rate for undergraduates who did not graduate is 88.5%, up almost 0.3% from last year. This is primarily due to the increase in continuing student retention (see below). Retention of continuing students (non-new) in the fall is 91.4%, up nearly one and a half percent and higher than any year under the semester calendar. Retention for provisionally admitted students has decreased over last year, dropping from 79.4% to 77.8%. The retention rate for new transfers fell, from 80.0% last year to 78.0% this year.

All cohorts have tables on First Generation College Students. First Generation status was determined by looking at the FAFSA; students who had both parents with high school educations or lower were determined to be first generation.

Main Report

This report tracks the enrollment patterns of the 2,235 undergraduate students enrolled in Fall 2015 who were classified Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, or Seniors. Benchmark values for 2011-12 through 2014-15 are also provided for comparison purposes. Students who entered in Summer 2015 were counted as new students (either freshman or transfer) in Fall 2015 as well.

Retention percentages for the various cohorts for Fall 2015 to Spring 2016 are below, along with comparable numbers from 2011-12 through 2014-15.

	Fall 2015 to	Fall 2014 to	Fall 2013 to	Fall 2012 to	Fall 2011 to
Cohort	Spring 2016	Spring 2015	Spring 2014	Spring 2013	Spring 2012
Undergraduate Students	88.5%	88.2%	88.1%	86.7%	87.9%
Continuing Undergraduates	91.4%	89.9%	91.3%	90.5%	89.0%
New Freshmen	85.9%	87.0%	84.2%	82.4%	88.8%
Provisional Admit Students	77.8%	79.4%	82.9%	83.9%	84.2%
New Transfer Students	78.0%	80.0%	81.0%	75.7%	78.5%

	Fall	2015								
Citizanahin Status	Enro	olled	Enrolled		Withdrawn		Graduated			
Citizenship Status	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
U.S. Citizen	1,832	92	1,518	82.9	196	10.7	118	6.4	1,714	88.6
Resident Alien	77	4	55	71.4	8	10.4	14	18.2	63	87.3
Non-Resident Alien	79	4	69	87.3	4	5.1	6	7.6	73	94.5
All	1,988	100	1,642	82.6	208	10.5	138	6.9	1,850	88.8

	Fall 2015		Spring 2015-16		
SAT Score	Enrolled	Enrolled	Withdrawn	Graduated	
SAT Score	N				

	Fall	2015			Spring	2015-16				
Fall Faralles Tyres	Enro	olled	Enro	olled	Withdrawn		Grad	uated		
Fall Enrollee Type	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
New First Time Freshman (0hrs)	545	24	468	85.9	77	14.1			545	85.9
Transfer Student	200	9	154	77.0	46	23.0			200	77.0
Post-Baccalaureate (Deg)	1	0			1	100.0			1	0.0
Continuing	1,486	66	1,229	82.7	115	7.7	142	9.6	1,344	91.4
Non-Degree Seeking	2	0	2	100.0					2	100.0
Audit Student	1	0			1	100.0			1	0.0
All	2,235	100	1,853	82.9	240	10.7	142	6.4	2,093	88.5

	Fall	2015								
Classification	Enro	olled	Enro	Enrolled		Withdrawn		uated		
Classification	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Freshman	790	35	661	83.7	129	16.3			790	83.7

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	Fall	2015			Spring	2015-16					
Academic Index	Enro	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn		uated			
Academic index	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Rete • • R#11/328/29	1658:9 887

	Fall	2015								
Living Arrangements	Enro	olled	Enro	olled Withd		Irawn	Grad	uated		
Living Arrangements	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Off Campus	1,297	58	1,024	79.0	168	13.0	105	8.1	1,192	85.9
Residence Hall	938	42	829	88.4	72	7.7	37	3.9	901	92.0
All	2,235	100	1,853	82.9	240	10.7	142	6.4	2,093	88.5

	Fall	2015			Spring	2015-16				
Academic Status	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn		Graduated			
Academic Status	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	14	1	2	14.3	12	85.7			14	14.3
Good Standing	2,094	94	1,787	85.3	165	7.9	142	6.8	1,952	91.5
Academic Probation	31	1	18	58.1	13	41.9			31	58.1
Academic Warning	93	4	46	49.5	47	50.5			93	49.5
Suspension	3	0			3	100.0			3	0.0
All	2,235	100	1,853	82.9	240	10.7	142	6.4	2,093	88.5

	Fall	2015			Spring	2015-16				
SOAR and Welcome Days Attendance	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn		Graduated			
Attendance	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Both	1,220	55	1,066	87.4	97	8.0	57	4.7	1,163	91.7
Neither	304	14	232	76.3	39	12.8	33	10.9	271	85.6
SOAR Only	657	29	511	77.8	97	14.8	49	7.5	608	84.0
Welcome Days Only	54	2	44	81.5	7	13.0	3	5.6	51	86.3
All	2,235	100	1,853	82.9	240	10.7	142	6.4	2,093	88.5

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Freshman	No GPA	6	0			6	100.0			6	0.0
	0.00 - 0.49	34	2	11	32.4	23	67.6			34	32.4
	0.50 - 0.99	13	1	8	61.5	5	38.5			13	61.5
	1.00 - 1.49	28	1	17	60.7	11	39.3			28	60.7
	1.50 - 1.99	50	2	39	78.0	11	22.0			50	78.0
	2.00 - 2.49	115	5	92	80.0	23	20.0			115	80.0
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	Fall	2015			Spring	2015-16				
Main	Enro	olled	Enro	olled	Witho	Irawn	Grad	uated		
Major	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Undeclared	60	3	50	83.3	10	16.7			60	83.3
Accounting	118	5	108	91.5	7	5.9	3	2.5	115	93.9
Art	10	0	8	80.0	2	20.0			10	80.0
Art Education	4	0	2	50.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	3	66.7
Studio Art	12	1	10	83.3			2	16.7	10	100.0
Molecular Biology/Biochemistry	96	4	81	84.4	8	8.3	7	7.3	89	91.0
Biblical Languages	1	0	1	100.0					1	100.0
Bilingual Elementary Education	5	0	4	80.0	1	20.0			5	80.0
Biology	264	12	232	87.9	27	10.2	5	1.9	259	89.6
Chemistry	51	2	44	86.3	6	11.8	1	2.0	50	88.0
Church Music	1	0	1	100.0					1	100.0
Christianity	64	3	50	78.1	11	17.2	3	4.7	61	82.0
Classics	2	0	2	100.0					2	100.0
Cinema and New Media	36	2	30	83.3	5	13.9	1	2.8	35	85.7
Speech Communication Teaching	1	0	1	100.0					1	100.0
Composite Science 4-8	1	0	1	100.0					1	100.0
Composite Science 8-12	1	0	1	100.0					1	100.0
Composite Social Studies 7-12	6	0	2	33.3		2	4	66.7	2	700.0

	Fall	2015			Spring	2015-16				
Major	Enro	olled	Enre	olled	Witho	drawn	Grad	uated		
Major	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Interdisciplinary Stds-Non Ed	54	2								

	Fall	2015								
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Major	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Writing										

	Fall 2015			Spring 2				
Gender	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
Geridei	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Male	207	38	172	83.1	35	16.9	207	83.1
Female	338	62	296	87.6	42	12.4	338	87.6
All	545	100	468	85.9	77	14.1	545	85.9

	Fall	2015		Spring	2015-16			
C+bpioity.	Enrolled		Enro	olled	Witho	drawn		
Ethnicity	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
African American/Black	91	17	65	71.4	26	28.6	91	71.4
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	0	2	100.0			2	

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	Fall	Fall 2015		Spring				
Classification	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
Classification	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Freshman	524	96	451	86.1	73	13.9	524	86.1
Sophomore	14	3	10	71.4	4	28.6	14	

SOAR Attendance	Fall 2015			Spring 2				
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
SOAR Allendance	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Did Not Attend	38	7	31	81.6	7	18.4	38	81.6
Fall 2014 SOAR	2	0	1	50.0	1	50.0	2	50.0
Fall 2015 SOAR	505	93	436	86.3	69	13.7	505	86.3
All	545	100	468	85.9	77	14.1	545	85.9

Welcome Days Attendance	Fall 2015			Spring				
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
Welcome Days Attendance	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Did Not Attend	166	30	130	78.3	36	21.7	166	78.3
Fall 2015	379	70	338	89.2	41	10.8	379	89.2
All	545	100	468	85.9	77	14.1	545	85.9

	Fall 2015			Spring				
SOAR and Welcome Days Attendance	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
Attendance	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Both	365	67	327	89.6	38	10.4	365	89.6
Neither	24	4	20	83.3	4	16.7	24	83.3
SOAR Only	142	26	110	77.5	32	22.5	142	77.5
Welcome Days Only	14	3	11	78.6	3	21.4	14	78.6
All	545	100	468	85.9	77	14.1	545	85.9

First Generation College Student	Fall 2015			Spring				
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
First Generation	134	25	117	87.3	17	12.7	134	87.3
Not First Generation	411	75	351	85.4	60	14.6	411	85.4
All	545	100	468	85.9	77	14.1	545	85.9

Retention of Undergraduate Students, Fall 2015 to Spring 2015-16 Section 3: New Freshmen - Provisional Admits

Gender	Fall 2015			Spring 2				
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Male	18	50	14	77.8	4	22.2	18	77.8
Female	18	50	14	77.8	4	22.2	18	77.8
All	36	100	28	77.8	8	22.2	36	77.8

	Fall 2015			Spring	2015-16			
Ethoriaitu	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
Ethnicity	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
African American/Black	12	33	7	58.3	5	41.7	12	58.3
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	3	1	100.0			1	100.0
Asian	1	3	1	100.0			1	100.0
Hispanic	16	44	13	81.3	3	18.8	16	81.3
White	4	11	4	100.0			4	100.0
Ethnicity Unknown	2	6	2	100.0			2	100.0
All	36	100	28	77.8	8	22.2	36	77.8

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Retention of Undergraduate Students, Fall 2015 to Spring 2015-16 Section 3: New Freshmen - Provisional Admits

Classification	Fall 2015			Spring 2				
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Freshman	36	100	28	77.8	8	22.2	36	



Retention of Undergraduate Students, Fall 2015 to Spring 2015-16 Section 3: New Freshmen - Provisional Admits

	Fall 2015	Spring 2	2015-16	
SOAR Attendance	Enrolled	Enrolled	Withdrawn	
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	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
Gender	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Male	76	38	63	82.9	13	17.1	76	82.9
Female	124	62	91	73.4	33	26.6	124	73.4
All	200	100	154	77.0	46	23.0	200	77.0

	Fall 2015			Spring	2015-16			
Ethnicity	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
Ethnicity	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
African American/Black	56	28	40	71.4	16	28.6	56	71.4
Asian	10	5	10	100.0			10	100.0
Hispanic	66	33	55	83.3	11	16.7	66	83.3
White	41	21	33	80.5	8	19.5	41	80.5
Two or More Races	12	6	8	66.7	4	33.3	12	66.7
Ethnicity Unknown	15	8	8	53.3	7	46.7	15	53.3
All	200	100	154	77.0				

Section 4: New Transfers

Retention of Undergraduate Students, Fall 2015 to Spring 2015-16

	Fall 2015			Spring 2015-16				
Carret v	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
County	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Fort Bend	43	22	38	88.4	5	11.6	43	88.4
Harris	102	51	71	69.6	31	30.4	102	69.6
Other Texas County	34	17	26	76.5	8	23.5	34	76.5
Out of State	20	10	18	90.0	2	10.0	20	90.0
Unknown	1	1	1	100.0			1	100.0
All				.0	46	23.0		



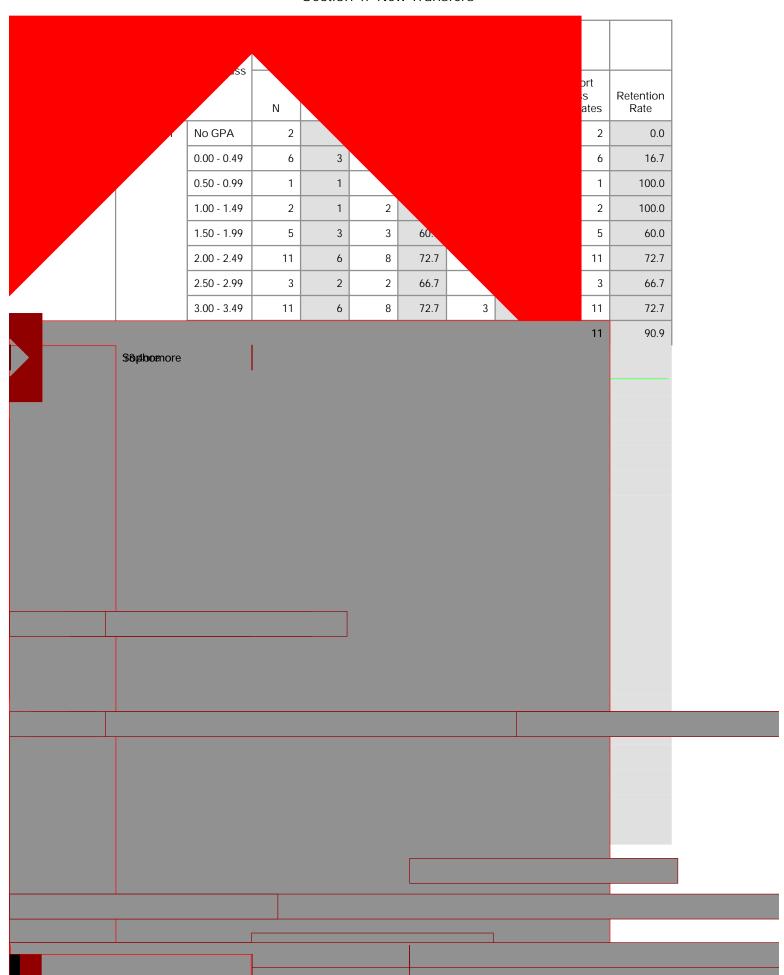
			Fall 2015		Spring 2015-16				
	COAD Attendence	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	SOAR Attendance	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Le: Gradu	ntion ite
Г	Did Not Attend	84	42	66	78.6	18	21.4	84	78.6
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	Fall 2015		Spring 2015-16					
Fall 2015 Tarms CDA	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
Fall 2015 Term GPA	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
No GPA	5	3			5	100.0	5	0.0
0.00 - 0.49	14	7	3	21.4	11	78.6	14	21.4
0.50 - 0.99	2	1	2	100.0			2	100.0
1.00 - 1.49	6	3	3	50.0	3	50.0	6	50.0
1.50 - 1.99	18	9	9	50.0	9	50.0	18	50.0
2.00 - 2.49	29	15	23	79.3	6	20.7	29	79.3
2.50 - 2.99	21	11	19	90.5	2	9.5	21	90.5
3.00 - 3.49	47	24	42	89.4	5	10.6	47	89.4
3.50 - 4.00	58	29	53	91.4	5	8.6	58	91.4
All	200	100	154	77.0	46	23.0	200	77.0

	Fall 2015			Spring				
Cumulative GPA at End of	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
Fall 2015	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
No GPA	5	3			5	100.0	5	0.0
0.00 - 0.49	13	7	3	23.1	10	76.9	13	23.1
0.50 - 0.99	3	2	2	66.7	1	33.3	3	66.7
1.00 - 1.49	6	3	3	50.0	3	50.0	6	50.0
1.50 - 1.99	18	9	9	50.0	9	50.0	18	50.0
2.00 - 2.49	28	14	22	78.6	6	21.4	28	78.6
2.50 - 2.99	21	11	19	90.5	2	9.5	21	90.5
3.00 - 3.49	49	25	44	89.8	5	10.2	49	89.8
3.50 - 4.00	57	29	52	91.2	5	8.8	57	91.2
All	200	100	154	77.0	46	23.0	200	77.0



Fall 2015			Spring 2015-16				
Commuting Distance (one way)	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn		
(che naj)	N	col %	N	row %	N		