

Retention of Undergraduate Students Fall 2016 to Spring 2017

Executive Summary

This report tracks the enrollment patterns of undergraduate students enrolled in the Fall 2016 term. Using the Banner system, students were classified as enrolled, not enrolled, or graduated for Spring 2017. Those classified as graduated received their degrees in Fall 2016. 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 2015-16, 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 88.1%, down 0.4% from last year. This is primarily due to the decrease in continuing student retention (see below). New Freshmen retention recovered from a dip in the previous year to its highest rate in the last five years. Retention of continuing students (non-new) in the fall is 90.9%, down half a percent. Retention for provisionally admitted students increased over last year, reversing a four year trend of declining. The retention rate for new transfers fell, from 78.0% last year to 75.8% 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 2,316 undergraduate students enrolled in Fall 2016 who were classified Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, or Seniors. Benchmark values for 2012-13 through 2015-16 are also provided for comparison purposes. Students who entered in Summer 2016 were counted as new students (either freshman or transfer) in Fall 2016 as well.

Retention percentages for the various cohorts for Fall 2016 to Spring 2017 are below, along with comparable numbers from 2012-13 through 2015-16.

Cohort	Fall 2016 to Spring 2017	Fall 2015 to Spring 2016	Fall 2014 to Spring 2015	Fall 2013 to Spring 2014	Fall 2012 to Spring 2013
Undergraduate Students	88.1%	88.5%	88.2%	88.1%	86.7%
Continuing Undergraduates	90.9%	91.4%	89.9%	91.3%	90.5%
New Freshmen	88.0%		8	8	8
	81.8%	77.8%	79.4%	82.9%	83.9%
New Transfer Students	75.8%	78.0%	80.0%	81.0%	75.7%

Of the 2,316 undergraduate students enrolled in Fall 2016:

136 (5.9%) graduated in December 2016

260 (11.2%) did not return for Spring 2017

1,920 (82.9%) reenrolled for Spring 2017

After adjusting for graduates, the undergraduate retention rate was 88.1%. See Section 1, page 3, for more details on this cohort.

Of the 1,490 non-new (continuing) undergraduate students enrolled in Fall 2016:

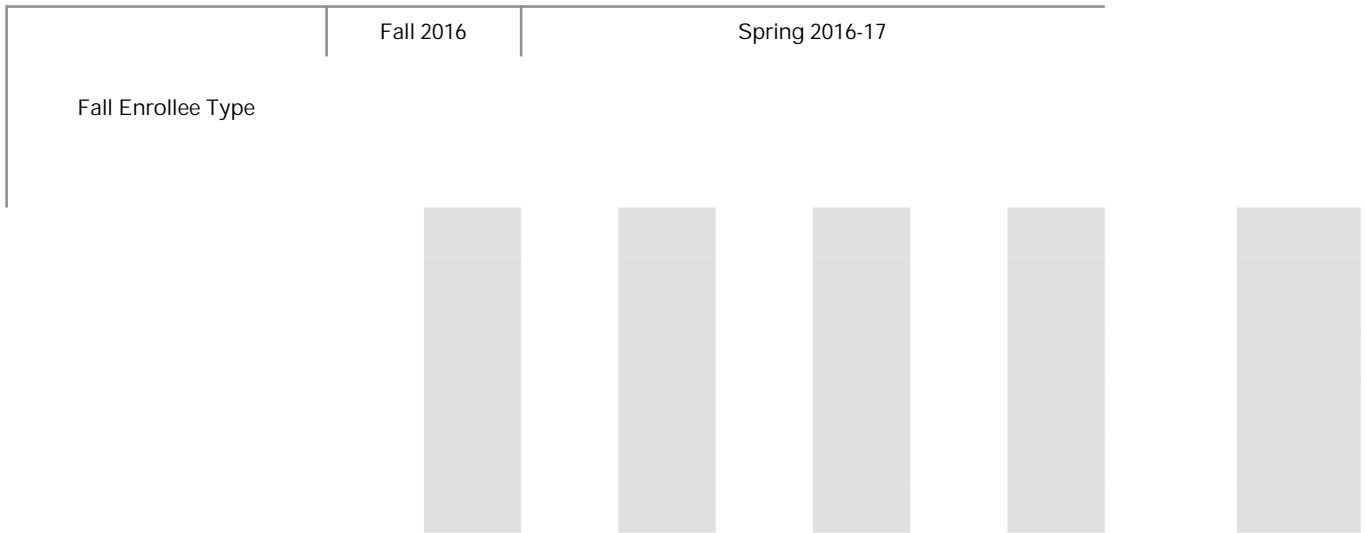
136 (9.1%) graduated in December 2016

123 (8.3%) did not return for Spring 2017

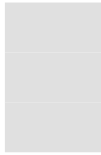

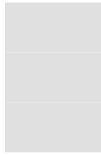

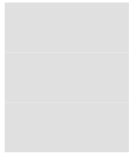
1,231 (82.6%) reenrolled for Spring 2017

After adjusting for graduates, the continuing undergraduate retention rate was 90.9%. There is no separate breakout for these students; they are included in the All Undergraduates section.

Retention of Undergraduate Students, Fall 2016 to Spring 2016-17
Section 1: All Undergraduates



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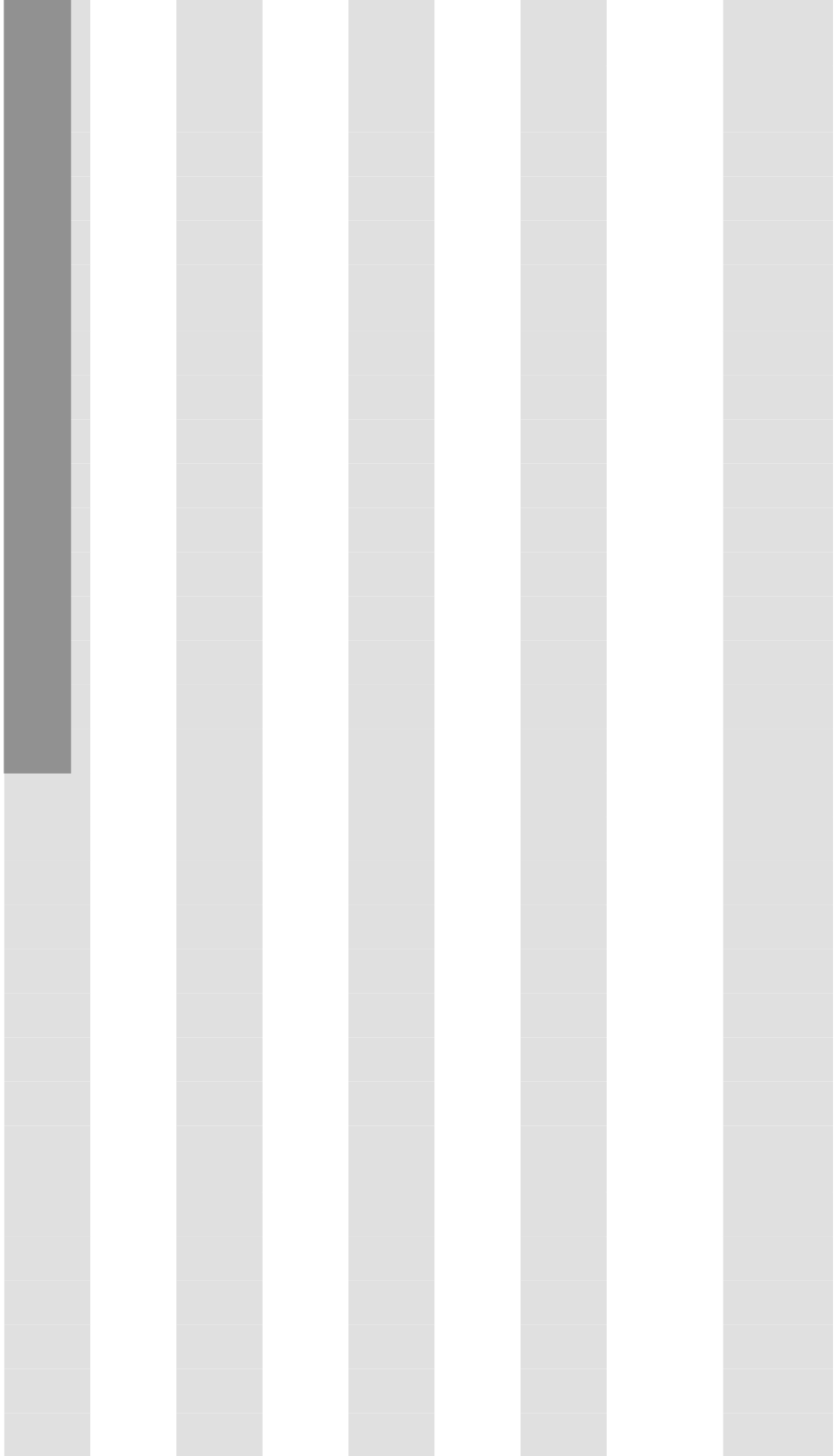
Living Arrangements	Fall 2016	Spring 2016-17				
	Enrolled	Enrolled				
						

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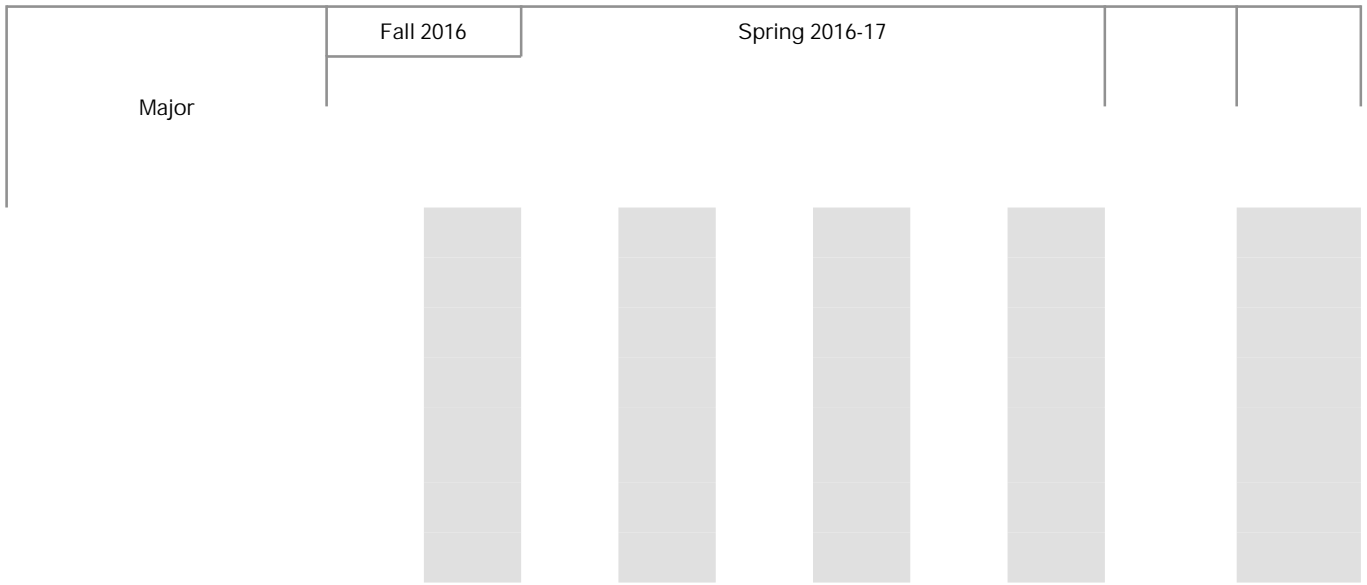
Fall 2016 Term GPA	Fall 2016		Spring 2016-17						Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled		Graduated			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %		
No GPA	16	1	1	6.3	14	87.5	1	6.3	15	6.7
0.00 - 0.49	74	3	19	25.7	55	74.3				

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 Section 1: All Undergraduates

Major	Fall 2016	Spring 2016-17				
	Enrolled	Enrolled	Not Enrolled	Graduated		
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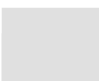


Retention of Undergraduate Students, Fall 2016 to Spring 2016-17
Section 1: All Undergraduates



Retention of Undergraduate Students, Fall 2016 to Spring 2016-17
Section 2: New Freshmen

Sex	Fall 2016		Spring 2016-17				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
Male	229	40	196	85.6	33	14.4	229	85.6
Female	348	60	312	89.7	36	10.3	348	89.7
All	577	100	508	88.0	69	12.0	577	88.0



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Section 2: New Freshmen

Citizenship Status	Fall 2016		Spring 2016-17				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
U.S. Citizen	533	94	469	88.0	64	12.0	533	88.0
Resident Alien	19	3	18	94.7	1	5.3	19	94.7
International	18	3	16	88.9	2	11.1	18	88.9
All	570	100	503	88.2	67	11.8	570	88.2

SAT Score	Fall 2016		Spring 2016-17				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
Not Reported	577	100	508	88.0	69	12.0	577	88.0
All	577	100	508	88.0	69	12.0	577	88.0

ACT Score	Fall 2016		Spring 2016-17				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
Not Reported	577	100	508	88.0	69	12.0	577	88.0
All	577	100	508	88.0	69	12.0	577	88.0

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 Section 2: New Freshmen

County	Fall 2016		Spring 2016-17				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
Fort Bend	101	18	89	88.1	12	11.9	101	88.1
Harris	301	52	264					

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Section 2: New Freshmen

SOAR Attendance	Fall 2016		Spring 2016-17				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
Did Not Attend	576	100	507	88.0	69	12.0	576	88.0
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All	577	100	508	88.0	69	12.0	577	88.0

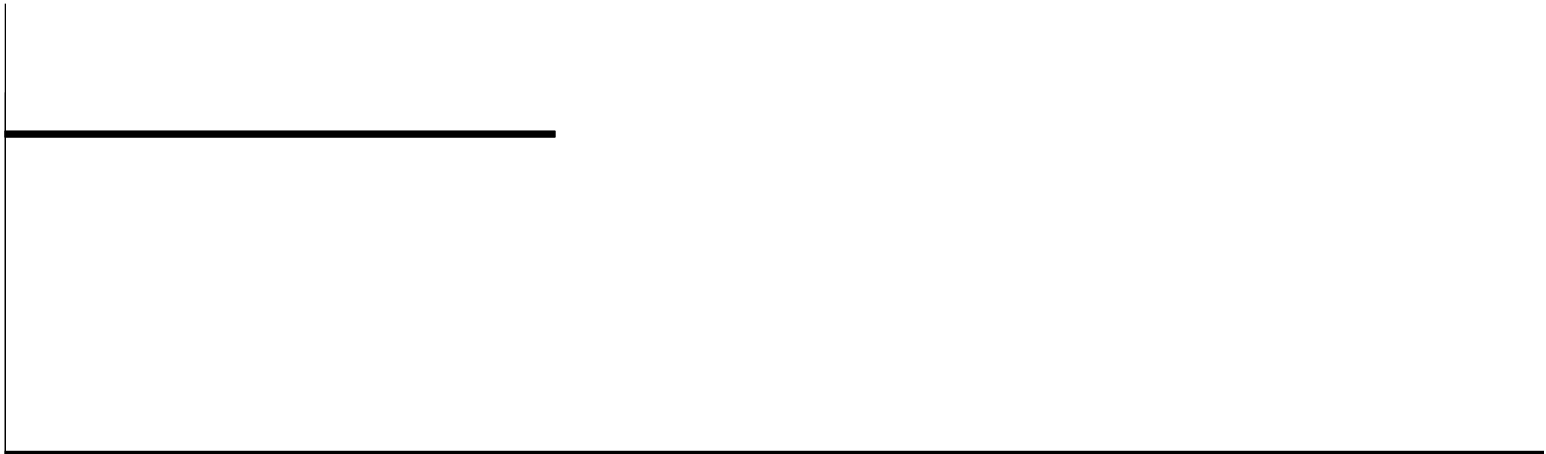
Graduates
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Fall 2016
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Welcome Days Attendance	Fall 2016		Spring 2016-17				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
Did Not Attend	577	100	508	88.0	69	12.0	577	88.0
All	577	100	508	88.0	69	12.0	577	88.0

Cohort
row %

SOAR and Welcome Days Attendance	Fall 2016		Spring 2016-17				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
Not Enrolled								

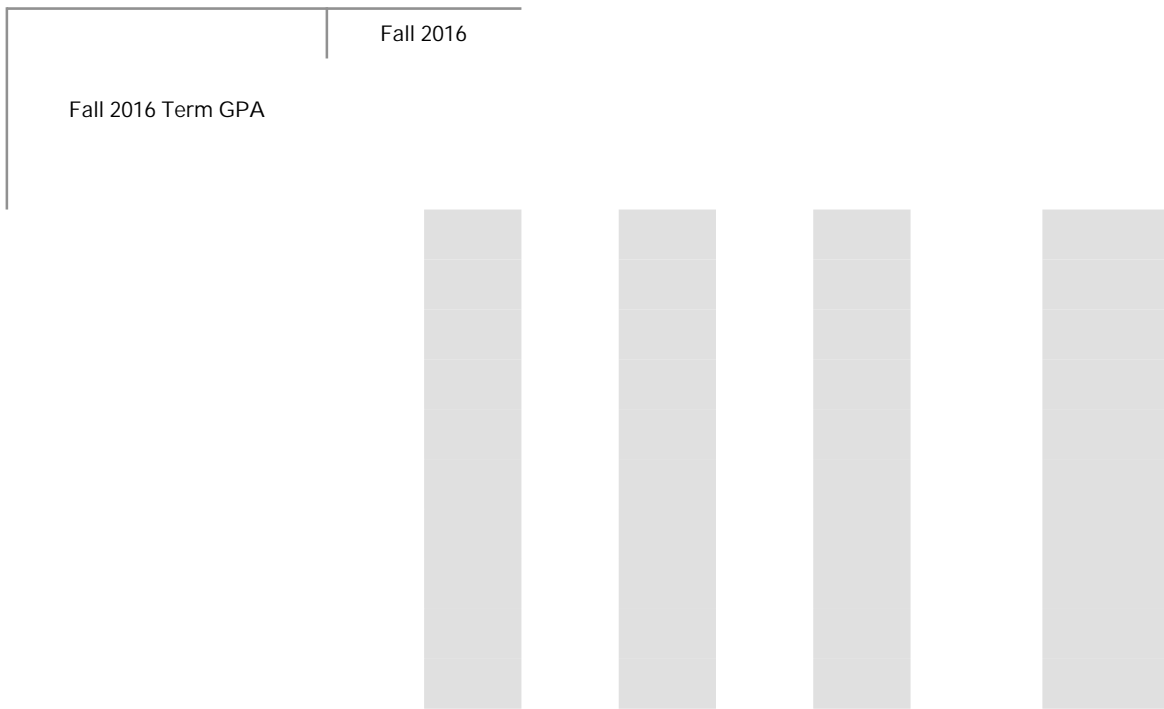
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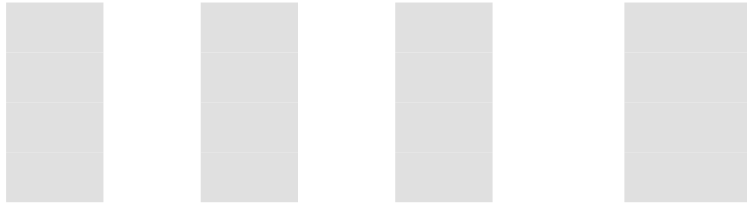


Not Enrolled
Graduates
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Section 2: New Freshmen





Retention of Undergraduate Students, Fall 2016 to Spring 2016-17
 Section 3: New Freshmen - Provisional Admits

SOAR Attendance	Fall 2016		Spring 2016-17				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
Did Not Attend								

Retention of Undergraduate Students, Fall 2016 to Spring 2016-17
 Section 3: New Freshmen - Provisional Admits

Fall 2016 Term GPA	Fall 2016		Spring 2016-17				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
No GPA	1	1	--	--	1	100.0	1	0.0
0.00 - 0.49	8	7	1	12.5				

ents, Fall 2016 to Spring 2016-17
 New Transfers

Sex	N
Male	75

Spring 2016-17				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
Enrolled		Not Enrolled			
N	row %	N	row %		
62	82.7	13	17.3	75	82.7
117	72.7	44	27.3	161	72.7
179	75.8	57	24.2	236	75.8

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Section 4: New Transfers

Commuting Distance (one way)	Fall 2016		Spring 2016-17				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
0-5 miles	44	22	32	72.7	12	27.3	44	72.7
5-15 miles	57	28	41	71.9	16	28.1	57	71.9
16-20 miles	39	19	29	74.4	10	25.6	39	74.4
21-40 miles	37	18	28	75.7	9	24.3	37	75.7
40+ miles	5	2	3	60.0	2	40.0	5	60.0
Unknown	22	11	20	90.9	2	9.1	22	90.9
All	204	100	153	75.0	51	25.0	204	75.0

Based on geodetic distance in miles between two ZIP code locations. The centroid of each ZIP code is used in the calculation.

Age Range	Fall 2016		Spring 2016-17				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Not Enrolled			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
18-19	28	12	22	78.6	0	0	28	100.0

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 Section 4: New Transfers

Major	Fall 2016		Spring 2016-17		Cohort	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled	Not Enrolled		
						66.7
						100.0
						66.7
						100.0
						75.0
						100.0
						88.9
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