

Improving Student Success of First-time, Full-time Freshmen: Indicators for Intervention

Stopping Out in the First or Second Year

- ✓ Of first-time, full-time freshmen who do not continue to their third year, only 5% will graduate within 6 years.
- ✓ Of those who stop out before their third year—that is, are not enrolled for one or more terms during their “freshman” and “sophomore” years—83% do not enroll the third year.
- ✓ Stopping out during the first or second year indicates the student is unlikely to graduate.

The following table shows the number of first-time, full-time freshmen majoring in each college during four fall terms, fall 2000 to fall 2003.

College of Major	Fall 2000	Fall 2001	Fall 2002	Fall 2003
Business	257	295	324	426
Education	170	163	135	143
Engineering	195	205	200	211
Fine Arts	220	249	227	273
Health and Human Sciences	94	97	109	128
Hotel Administration	168	162	135	185
Liberal Arts	207	249	232	269
Nursing	56	81	95	127
Public Health	4	9	5	10
Sciences	130	166	153	210
University College	482	581	615	649
Urban Affairs	143	161	153	181
TOTAL	2,126	2,418	2,383	2,812

Based on four-year averages of the cohorts shown in the table above, the table below shows the number of students who stop out during the first or second year, by college of major and by the earliest term in which stop-out occurs. This table is meant to offer a measure of what intervention would require at the college level.

College of Major	Avg. Number Stopping Out:			Total
	First Spring	Second Fall	Second Spring	
Business	45	53	25	123
Education	23	28	10	60
Engineering	28	41	18	87
Fine Arts	33	47	19	99
Health and Human Sciences	14	17	10	41
Hotel Administration	16	24	9	49
Liberal Arts	27	39	22	88
Nursing	8	16	8	32
Public Health	2	2	1	5
Sciences	19	26	8	53
University College	71	99	48	218
Urban Affairs	21	29	11	61
TOTAL	305	421	189	914

Cumulative University GPA

- ✓ Of first-time, full-time freshmen who drop out during the first or second year—that is, do not re-enroll within six years of their entering term:
 - 70% have a cumulative GPA below 2.75 as of their last term of attendance.
 - 42% have a cumulative GPA below 2.0 as of their last term of attendance.