Table 1. Fall 2012 - 2021 Entering First Year Bachelor Degree Cohort Retention Breakdown by Demographic Categories

| Category | Breakdown | Percent Retained By Cohort Start Year | | | | | | | | | | | Historical Information | | | |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------|--------------------------|--|
| | | Fall 2012 EFR | Fall 2013 EFR | Fall 2014 EFR | Fall 2015 EFR | Fall 2016 EFR | Fall 2017 EFR | Fall 2018 EFR | Fall 2019 EFR | Fall 2020 EFR | Fall 2021 EFR Retention | Fall 2021 Total (n) | Five Year Retention | | Three Year Average | |
| Total | Fall 2011-2017EFR (Reported) | 87.1% | 88.8% | 88.4% | 88.4% | 86.7% | 89.3% | 84.1% | 86.1% | 83.9% | 82.6% | 759 | 85.2% | 3782 | 84.2% | |
| Sav | Female | 87.7% | 89.3% | 86.9% | 88.1% | 86.5% | 87.6% | 84.8% | 88.0% | 85.0% | 80.2% | 278 | 85.6% | 2101 | 85.1% | |
| Sex | Male | 86.3% | 88.2% | 90.5% | 88.8% | 86.9% | 91.7% | 83.0% | 83.1% | 82.1% | 84.0% | 481 | 84.8% | 1681 | 83.2% | |
| | A&S | 84.2% | 88.2% | 87.0% | 88.3% | 85.3% | 88.2% | 84.2% | 83.1% | 81.0% | 83.6% | 402 | 84.0% | 1824 | 82.6% | |
| College or | СВРА | 88.5% | 88.3% | 91.3% | 90.3% | 89.8% | 93.3% | 83.6% | 86.2% | 85.9% | 77.8% | 162 | 85.7% | 936 | 83.7% | |
| School | SOE | 81.1% | 86.7% | 96.3% | 67.6% | 84.2% | 89.5% | 84.6% | 80.0% | 93.1% | 79.2% | 24 | 85.4% | 123 | 84.6% | |
| | SJMC | 87.3% | 90.1% | 87.7% | 85.7% | 84.4% | 90.6% | 84.2% | 91.5% | 81.1% | 85.1% | 47 | 86.7% | 241 | 86.3% | |
| | СРНЅ | 91.1% | 90.1% | 85.6% | 91.8% | 86.7% | 85.9% | 84.4% | 92.2% | 88.3% | 85.5% | 124 | 87.4% | 658 | 88.9% | |
| | American Indian | 50.0% | 83.3% | | | 50.0% | 0.0% | | | | | | 0.0% | 1 | | |
| | Asian | 94.4% | 89.5% | 84.4% | 90.5% | 86.2% | 93.9% | 80.4% | 89.7% | 80.6% | 94.3% | 35 | 87.1% | 194 | 88.2% | |
| | Black | 73.3% | 87.5% | 84.6% | 81.5% | 88.2% | 86.4% | 62.5% | 77.8% | 81.6% | 70.0% | 40 | 76.2% | 227 | 76.9% | |
| Citizenship/ | International | 82.1% | 95.7% | 85.7% | 81.5% | 81.8% | 80.0% | 66.7% | 71.4% | 84.6% | 82.1% | 28 | 78.0% | 82 | 80.0% | |
| Race/ | Hispanic | 91.3% | 90.0% | 86.1% | 77.1% | 81.8% | 90.9% | 81.0% | 80.4% | 75.5% | 70.6% | 51 | 79.5% | 263 | 75.6% | |
| | Multiracial | | | 86.4% | 73.9% | 83.3% | 69.2% | 78.8% | 77.8% | 75.0% | 77.5% | 40 | 75.9% | 166 | 76.6% | |
| | Native Hawaiian/Alaskan | | 100.0% | | | | | | | 0.0% | | | 0.0% | 1 | 0.0% | |
| | White/Non-Hispanic | 87.6% | 88.8% | 88.9% | 90.1% | 87.2% | 90.5% | 87.2% | 87.9% | 85.8% | 84.4% | 563 | 87.2% | 2840 | 86.1% | |
| | Other/No Response | 80.0% | 66.7% | | | 100.0% | 66.7% | 0.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 50.0% | 2 | 62.5% | 8 | 75.0% | |
| | Athletes | 81.6% | 87.0% | 89.0% | 86.2% | 85.1% | 83.2% | 84.5% | 80.3% | 87.1% | 82.4% | 91 | 83.5% | 540 | 83.3% | |
| Athletes | Female Athletes | 80.4% | 86.8% | 86.0% | 93.0% | 84.1% | 87.0% | 88.3% | 87.9% | 91.7% | 90.5% | 42 | 89.0% | 282 | 89.9% | |
| | Male Athletes | 82.6% | 87.0% | 91.8% | 78.8% | 86.2% | 79.7% | 79.1% | 70.6% | 82.1% | 75.5% | 49 | 77.5% | 258 | 76.3% | |
| Fraternity/ Sorority | Fraternity and Sorority | 98.6% | 95.2% | 96.1% | 93.0% | 92.7% | 93.8% | 89.2% | 91.8% | 92.4% | 89.2% | 139 | 91.3% | 952 | 91.3% | |
| | Sorority (female) | 98.4% | 96.2% | 93.5% | 93.3% | 92.8% | 91.2% | 88.4% | 93.7% | 90.8% | 92.3% | 91 | 91.2% | 605 | 92.4% | |
| | Fraternity (male) | 99.0% | 94.0% | 98.6% | 92.7% | 92.6% | 97.6% | 90.3% | 88.5% | 97.1% | 83.3% | 48 | 91.4% | 347 | 88.8% | |
| | Not Fraternity or Sorority | 83.1% | 86.5% | 84.7% | 86.4% | 84.2% | 87.6% | 81.7% | 83.9% | 81.8% | 81.1% | 620 | 83.2% | 2830 | 82.2% | |
| | Not Sorority (female) | 84.1% | 86.8% | 84.3% | 86.1% | 84.0% | 86.2% | 83.3% | 85.7% | 83.1% | 82.1% | 391 | 84.0% | 1700 | 83.6% | |
| | Not Fraternity (male) | 81.6% | 85.9% | 85.5% | 86.7% | 84.5% | 89.7% | 79.1% | 81.1% | 80.1% | 79.5% | 229 | 81.9% | 1130 | 80.2% | |
| Housing | Living On Campus | 87.2% | 89.7% | 88.4% | 89.0% | 87.0% | 89.3% | 84.1% | 86.3% | 83.7% | 82.7% | 712 | 85.3% | 3585 | 84.2% | |
| | Living Off Campus | 86.2% | 63.0% | 83.3% | 72.4% | 71.4% | 88.9% | 84.0% | 84.1% | 89.5% | 80.9% | 47 | 84.3% | 197 | 83.7% | |
| Open | Open Major | 80.0% | 89.2% | 82.0% | 94.2% | 81.5% | 83.6% | 80.3% | 73.7% | 84.6% | 79.1% | 43 | 80.2% | 278 | 78.4% | |
| | Open A&S | 80.6% | 92.7% | 79.5% | 92.1% | 80.6% | 84.2% | 76.7% | 66.7% | 85.3% | 82.4% | 34 | 79.4% | 204 | 77.9% | |
| | Open Business | 100.0% | 77.8% | 100.0% | 100.0% | | 87.5% | 75.0% | 50.0% | | 66.7% | 3 | 76.5% | 17 | 60.0% | |
| | Open Journalism | 77.8% | 86.7% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 75.0% | 89.5% | 89.5% | 80.0% | 66.7% | 6 | 84.2% | 57 | 83.3% | |
| | Crew Scholars | | 100.0% | 95.2% | 90.5% | 95.0% | 90.9% | 90.5% | 86.1% | 90.5% | 90.9% | 22 | 89.3% | 122 | 88.6% | |
| | Comparison 2 (Black and Hispanic non-Crew) | | 82.6% | 84.6% | 75.0% | 81.7% | 88.2% | 70.6% | 78.0% | 75.9% | 67.5% | 80 | 75.6% | 398 | 73.9% | |
| Flight | Flight Participant | | | | | | | 68.4% | 74.2% | 76.3% | | | 72.9% | 107 | 75.4% | |
| Test Flex | Test Flexible | | | | | | 83.3% | 64.9% | 79.8% | 85.1% | 77.9% | 330 | 78.4% | 686 | 79.6% | |
| | Not Test Flexible | | | | | | 90.1% | 86.3% | 87.0% | 83.6% | 86.2% | 429 | 86.7% | 3096 | 85.6% | |
| | Pell Grant Recipient | | | 86.1% | 89.5% | 86.9% | 86.2% | 74.7% | 76.6% | 77.4% | 68.4% | 152 | 76.6% | 779 | 74.2% | |
| | Not Pell Grant Recipient | | | 89.0% | 88.1% | 86.6% | 90.1% | 86.6% | 88.8% | 85.4% | 86.2% | 607 | 87.4% | 3003 | 86.8% | |
| First | First Generation | | | | | | | | 80.5% | 78.3% | 72.7% | 154 | | | 77.2% | |
| Generation | Not First Generation | - | | 1 | 1 | | | • | 87.6% | 85.3% | 85.1% | 605 | | | 86.0% | |
| | Iowa | | | | | | | | 88.5% | 82.1% | 83.9% | 218 | | | 85.0% | |
| Application | Contiguous States (MN, WI, IL, MO, KS, NE, SD) | | | | | | | | 87.6% | 85.4% | 84.4% | 385 | | | 85.8% | |
| State | Non-Contiguous States | | | | | | | | 76.6% | 81.9% | 76.0% | 129 | | | 78.0% | |
| | International | | | | | | | | 64.3% | 83.3% | 77.8% | 27 | | | 75.5% | |