



## *FAST FACTS – Retention and Persistence of New Students Who Take English their First Semester*

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The fall 2014, 2015, and 2016 cohort of new students were examined for retention and persistence rates who took any English course during their first semester.

The fall 2014 cohort who took any developmental or college level English *and passed* were retained at rates above 88% for the subsequent spring. Cohort students who did not take any English course in fall 2014 were retained for spring at 66%. The following fall 2015, one year later, students who took any English their first semester as a new student in fall 2014, whether they passed or failed the course, were still retained at a higher rate than the new students who did not take any English their first semester. Fall to fall retention rates were between 56% and 60% who took any English their first semester compared to the 40% retained for those students who did not. (See chart below).

The fall 2015 cohort of new students mirrored the same results. Ninety percent (90%) students who took any English whether college level or not and passed, were retained with the exception of those who took ENG 092i and passed were retained at 78% the subsequent spring 2016. Those new students who did not take any English their first semester in fall 2015 were retained at 65% for the subsequent spring. The fall to fall retention rates for this cohort of new students whether they passed any English course or not ranged between 40% and 58%. Students in this cohort who did not take any English their first semester were retained at a rate of 35% for year-to-year.

The fall to fall retention rate for the fall 2016 cohort will be available after the freeze date in fall 2017, but those new students who took any English and passed in fall 2016 were retained at rates above 89% in the subsequent spring semester. Students who took no English their first semester were retained at 70% in spring 2017.

All cohort information is statistically significant at p-values of  $<.05$  and in many cases  $p < .01$ .

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