Comparison of First-Time Freshman Retention Rates		
	First-Year Retention Rates	
	All	Full-Time Only
UC Merced		
Fall 2005	82%	
Fall 2006	80%	
Fall 2007	79%	
Fall 2008	83%	
Fall 2009	87%	
National (Fall 2007)		
All 4-yr public colleges*	77%	78%
Public High/Very High Research Universities**		82%
California (Fall 2007)		
All 4-yr public colleges*	84%	85%
University of California (avg. for the 8 undergraduate campuses)**	92%	92%

*NCHEMS Information Center; Retention: First-Time College Freshmen Returning Their Second Year; Four-Year Public Colleges; Fall 2007 Cohort

** 2009 U.S. News "America's Best Colleges," reflecting Fall 2007 data.