6.1. During the campus' early start-up years, admit rates for freshmen and transfers have been relatively high (compared to other UC campuses), while the enrollment yields have been relatively low (about 5 % for freshman admits and 8% for transfer admits). As the campus' reputation and overall enrollments increase, the admit rates will begin to decline and the enrollments yields will increase.

It is too early to report graduation rates with any stability, especially for freshman cohorts. Retention rates compare favorably nationally for public 4-year campuses, but they are low compared to our UC sister campuses. Student/faculty ratios, while increasing slightly, are still very good (15 to 1 in Fall 2008). Seventy percent or more of the classes offered in the last three years have fewer than 30 students (95 % in the very first year).

Almost all undergraduates take full credit loads (15 credits) and the average GPA for the last three years has hovered around 2.73 (B-).

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Table 6.1 - Key Undergraduate Educational Operations Ratios, by Cohort				
Admissions	**Fall 2005**	**Fall 2006**	**Fall 2007**	**Fall 2008**
Freshmen				
Admit/Apply	86%	87%	90%	91%
Enroll/Admit	6%	3%	5%	5%
Transfers				
Admit/Apply	82%	86%	85%	81%
Enroll/Admit	9%	7%	7%	8%
Retention				
1st Year Freshman Retention	82%	80%	79%	N/A
1st Year Transfer Retention	80%	82%	82%	N/A
Freshman 3-year Completion to Graduation	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer 2-year Completion to Graduation	49%	29%	N/A	N/A
Instruction				
FTE Undergraduate Student/FTE Faculty Ratio*	13 to 1	12 to 1	14 to 1	14 to 1
Classes with 2-9 Students	9%	30%	15%	12%
Classes with 10-19 Students	36%	27%	25%	32%
Classes with 20-29 Students	50%	16%	31%	26%
Classes with 30-39 Students	2%	7%	12%	8%
Classes with 40-49 Students	2%	4%	6%	4%
Classes with 50-99 Students	1%	8%	15%	12%
Classes with 100+ Students	0%	9%	9%	5%
Average Credit Load per Student	14.9	15.0	15.3	14.9
Cumulative GPA at the end of the term	2.56	2.72	2.74	2.73

Note: Admission data include both regular and referral application. Referral applications are students who applied to other UC campuses, are UC eligible but were not admitted due to space limitations.

*Faculty includes ladder rank and lecturers. FTE calculated as full-time plus 1/3 part-time

Note: Summer used as a trailer term when calcuating graduation rates

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