3.4. Some majors are too small to give reliable retention information. There is a great deal of variability both across and within the three Schools, as well as across cohort years. Retention rates are monitored with the goal of assessing trends and identifying factors that impede or enhance retention in various programs. While first-year retention was lowest for undeclared students for the Fall 2005 freshman cohort (76%), this was not true for subsequent cohorts (82% for Fall 2006 and Fall 2007 cohorts).

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Table 3.4c - First-Time Freshman Retention & Graduation Rates by Original Major: Fall 2007 Cohort					
Fall 2007 Cohort	Fall 2007 Enrollment	Year 1 Retention %	Year 2 Retention %	Year 3 Retention %	3-Year Graduation %
Undeclared	161	82.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
College One	**161**	**82.0%**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bioengineering	14	71.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Computer Science & Engineering	38	71.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Environmental Engineering	10	80.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Material Sciences & Engineering	1	100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mechanical Engineering	27	85.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Undeclared Engineering	17	88.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Engineering	**107**	**78.5%**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Applied Mathematical Sciences	12	83.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Biological Sciences	154	77.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chemical Sciences	19	68.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Earth Systems Science	6	83.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Human Biology	1	100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Physics	8	50.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Undeclared Natural Sciences	11	81.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Natural Sciences	**211**	**76.8%**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cognitive Sciences	7	71.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Economics	4	50.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
History	7	71.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Literature & Cultures	8	87.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Management	39	84.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Political Science	31	64.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Psychology	63	84.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Social & Cognitive Science	3	100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
World Cultures & History	4	75.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Undeclared Soc Sci, Human, Art	24	83.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Social Sciences, Humanities & Art	**190**	**79.5%**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	**669**	**79.1%**	N/A	N/A	N/A

How to read retention by semester and students' original major tables:

- 82.0% of Fall 2007 first-time freshmen whose original major was undeclared enrolled the following year (Fall 2008)

Students were tracked according to their major at time of matriculation and were not reclassified once they declared or changed their major
Note: Undeclared students with a school designation have not yet chosen an area of concentration
Note: Retention rates do not include students who left to serve in the military, go on religious missions or are deceased
College One is comprised of students with undeclared majors
Source: IPA Enrollment Table
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