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 3.4b - First-Time Freshman Retention & Graduation Rates by Original Major: Fall 2006 Cohort					
Fall 2006 Cohort	Fall 2006 Enrollment	Year 1 Retention %	Year 2 Retention %	Year 3 Retention %	3-Year Graduation %
Undeclared	90	82.2%	73.3%	N/A	N/A
College One	**90**	**82.2%**	**73.3%**	N/A	N/A
Bioengineering	21	61.9%	42.9%	N/A	N/A
Computer Science & Engineering	28	89.3%	82.1%	N/A	N/A
Environmental Engineering	5	80.0%	80.0%	N/A	N/A
Material Sciences & Engineering	2	100.0%	50.0%	N/A	N/A
Mechanical Engineering	26	92.3%	69.2%	N/A	N/A
Undeclared Engineering	14	85.7%	71.4%	N/A	N/A
Engineering	**96**	**83.3%**	**67.7%**	N/A	N/A
Biological Sciences	81	84.0%	72.8%	N/A	N/A
Chemical Sciences	6	83.3%	66.7%	N/A	N/A
Earth Systems Science	3	66.7%	33.3%	N/A	N/A
Human Biology	19	89.5%	73.7%	N/A	N/A
Mathematical Sciences	2	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A
Physics	3	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A
Undeclared Natural Sciences	5	60.0%	60.0%	N/A	N/A
Natural Sciences	**119**	**84.0%**	**72.3%**	N/A	N/A
Management	31	61.3%	51.6%	N/A	N/A
Psychology	1	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A
Social and Cognitive Science	39	66.7%	61.5%	N/A	N/A
World Cultures & History	8	75.0%	75.0%	N/A	N/A
Undeclared Soc Sci, Human, Art	13	76.9%	69.2%	N/A	N/A
Social Sciences, Humanities & Art	**92**	**67.4%**	**60.9%**	N/A	N/A
Total	**397**	**79.6%**	**68.8%**	N/A	N/A

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

- 82.2% of Fall 2006 first-time freshmen whose original major was undeclared enrolled the following Year (Fall 2007)

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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