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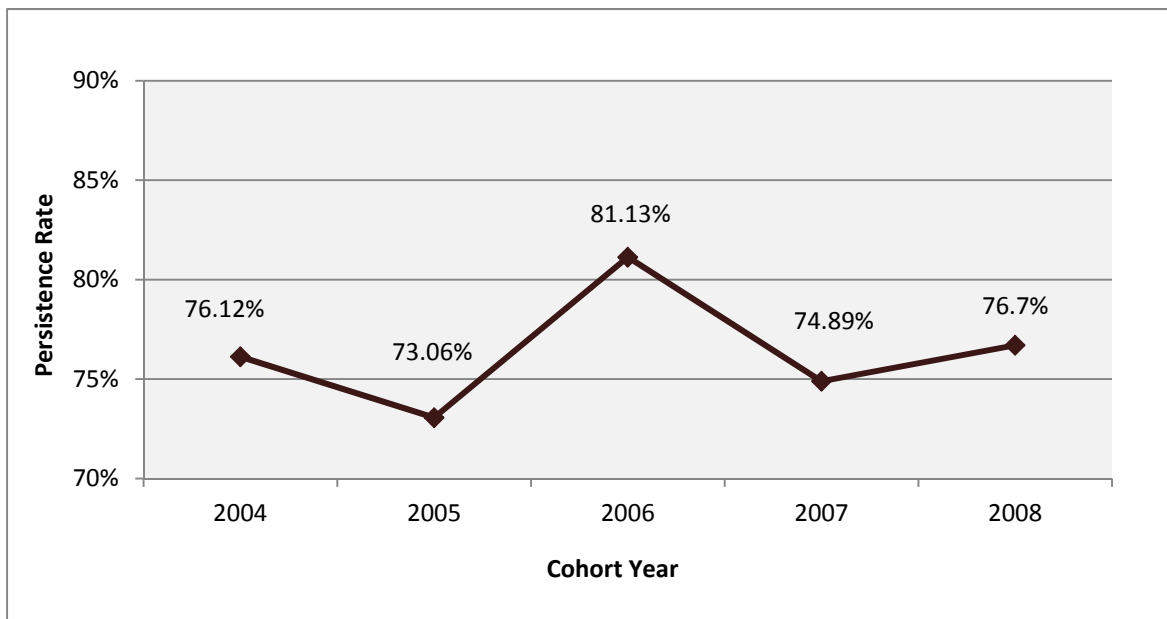
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**Subject:** Three-Year Persistence Report – Fall 2008 Transfer Cohort

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Please find attached the three-year persistence report of the Fall 2008 degree-seeking transfer cohort. This report excludes students in The Women's College and University College.

- **Three-Year Persistence:** 38 of the 206 students in the Fall 2008 transfer cohort persisted to Fall 2011 and 120 graduated prior to the start of the quarter. The Fall 2008 transfer cohort persistence rate of 76.7% is not statistically significantly different from the Fall 2007 transfer cohort ( $p \leq .05$ ).

## THREE-YEAR PERSISTENCE RATES OF TRANSFER COHORTS



- **GPA:** Students with a GPA of 3.00 or higher persisted at a statistically significantly higher rate (78.71%) than the overall cohort ( $p \leq .05$ ). The number of students with a GPA of 2.00 or lower is too small to make a statistically reliable comparison of persistence rates.
- **Non-Persistence Reasons:** Of the 38 students who did not persist, 20 withdrew from the University, none took a leave of absence, and 34 had academic, financial, or judicial holds that prevented them from registering this quarter. 62.5% of non-persisted students had a financial hold.

## Three-Year Persistence Report

### Summary of Transfer Cohorts

	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Cohort size	201	219	212	219	206
Enrolled after three years	49	45	35	42	38
Graduated after three years	104	115	137	122	120
Persistence rate	76.12%	73.06%	81.13%*	74.89%	76.7%

Overall GPA ≤ 2.00 (Probation)					
Cohort	8	9	16	12	3
Enrolled after three years	0	1	0	2	0
Persistence rate	0%	11.11%	0%	16.67%	0%

Overall GPA ≥ 3.00					
Cohort	145	148	154	152	155
Enrolled or graduated after three years	123	117	141	131	122
Persistence rate	84.83%*	79.05%*	91.56%*	86.18%*	78.71%*

Average Overall GPA					
Cohort	3.27	3.15	3.12	3.19	3.30
Enrolled after three years	3.27**	2.92**	3.20**	3.13**	3.16
Graduated after three years	3.43	3.39	3.42	3.41	3.38
Not enrolled or graduated after three years	2.91	2.84	2.67	2.71	3.13

Average Transfer Hours					
Enrolled after three years	45.8	45.8	73.4	41.3	45.5
Not enrolled after three years	60.2	60.2	70.3	56.1	44

\* Indicates a statistically significantly different persistence rate than the cohort at  $p \leq .05$ .

\*\* Indicates a statistically significantly different average than non-persisted students at  $p \leq .05$ .

## Three-Year Persistence Report

### Admission Ratings of Transfer Cohorts

	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Cohort size	201	219	212	219	206
Enrolled or graduated after three years	153	160	172	164	158
Persistence rate	76.12%	73.06%	81.13%	74.89%	76.7%

1 and 2 (Highest)					
Cohort	53	46	48	31	36
Enrolled or graduated after three years	45	31	42	27	27
Persistence rate	84.91%	67.39%	87.5%	87.1%	75%
3 and 4					
Cohort	39	47	39	48	46
Enrolled or graduated after three years	31	38	32	39	32
Persistence rate	79.49%	80.85%	82.05%	81.25%	69.57%
5 and 6					
Cohort	39	47	53	65	64
Enrolled or graduated after three years	26	35	44	44	58
Persistence rate	66.67%	74.47%	83.02%	67.69%	90.63%*
7, 8, and 9 (Lowest)					
Cohort	55	77	71	75	56
Enrolled or graduated after three years	38	54	53	54	39
Persistence rate	69.09%	70.13%	74.65%	72%	69.64%
Not Rating Available					
Cohort	15	2	1	0	4
Enrolled or graduated after three years	13	2	1	0	2
Persistence rate	86.67%	100%	100%	-	50%
Average Rating					
Cohort	4.5	5.2	5	5.5	5.2
Enrolled after three years	5.1	5.7	4.8	5.4	5.6
Graduated after three years	4.2	4.9	4.8	5.2	4.9
Not enrolled or graduated after three years	4.5	5.3	5.8	6.1	5.3

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## Three-Year Persistence Report

### Demographics of Transfer Cohorts

	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Cohort size	201	219	212	219	206
Enrolled or graduated after three years	153	160	172	164	158
Persistence rate	76.12%	73.06%	81.13%	74.89%	76.7%

#### Gender

Female					
Cohort	97	105	102	100	102
Enrolled or graduated after three years	76	71	80	79	75
Persistence rate	78.35%	67.62%	78.43%	79%	73.53%
Male					
Cohort	104	114	110	119	104
Enrolled or graduated after three years	77	89	92	85	83
Persistence rate	74.04%	78.07%	83.64%	71.43%	79.81%

#### Geographic Origin

Colorado					
Cohort	138	149	132	112	116
Enrolled or graduated after three years	106	108	106	83	91
Persistence rate	76.81%	72.48%	80.3%	74.11%	78.45%
Out-of-State					
Cohort	50	54	63	85	72
Enrolled or graduated after three years	36	41	51	64	54
Persistence rate	72%	75.93%	80.95%	75.29%	75%
International (Non-Resident Alien)					
Cohort	13	16	17	21	18
Enrolled or graduated after three years	11	11	15	16	13
Persistence rate	84.62%	68.75%	88.24%	76.19%	72.22%

Note:

1. Geographic origin reports the student's permanent residence at the time of application.

## Three-Year Persistence Report

### Demographics of Transfer Cohorts

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Cohort size	201	219	212	219	206
Enrolled or graduated after three years	153	160	172	164	158
Persistence rate	76.12%	73.06%	81.13%	74.89%	76.7%

#### Race/Ethnicity and Citizenship

White					
Cohort	163	181	153	134	130
Enrolled or graduated after three years	123	133	125	102	98
Persistence rate	75.46%	73.48%	81.7%	76.12%	75.38%
Domestic Minority					
Cohort	183	204	196	160	160
Enrolled or graduated after three years	138	149	157	120	122
Persistence rate	75.41%	73.04%	80.1%	75%	76.25%
International (Non-Resident Alien)					
Cohort	12	15	16	16	17
Enrolled or graduated after three years	10	11	15	12	12
Persistence rate	83.33%	73.33%	93.75%	75%	70.59%
Race/Ethnicity Unknown					
Cohort	6	0	0	43	29
Enrolled or graduated after three years	5	0	0	32	24
Persistence rate	83.33%	-	-	74.42%	82.76%

## Three-Year Persistence Report

### Demographics of Transfer Cohorts

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Persistence rate	76.12%	73.06%	81.13%	74.89%	76.7%

#### Race/Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino					
Cohort	11	13	16	12	13
Enrolled or graduated after three years	8	10	12	9	10
Persistence rate	72.73%	76.92%	75%	75%	76.92%
American Indian or Alaskan Native					
Cohort	1	0	3	3	1
Enrolled or graduated after three years	0	0	1	3	1
Persistence rate	0%	0%	33.33%*	100%	100%
Asian					
Cohort	5	5	21	4	10
Enrolled or graduated after three years	5	3	17	3	10
Persistence rate	100%	60%	80.95%	75%	100%
Black or African American					
Cohort	3	5	3	7	6
Enrolled or graduated after three years	2	3	2	3	3
Persistence rate	66.67%	60%	66.67%	42.86%	50%
White					
Cohort	163	181	153	134	130
Enrolled or graduated after three years	123	133	125	102	98
Persistence rate	75.46%	73.48%	81.7%	76.12%	75.38%
International (Non-Resident Alien)					
Cohort	12	15	16	16	17
Enrolled or graduated after three years	10	11	15	12	12
Persistence rate	83.33%	73.33%	93.75%	75%	70.59%
Race/Ethnicity Unknown					
Cohort	6	0	0	43	29
Enrolled or graduated after three years	5	0	0	32	24
Persistence rate	83.33%	0%	0%	74.42%	82.76%

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## Three-Year Persistence Report

### Involvement of Transfer Cohorts

	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Cohort size	201	219	212	219	206
Enrolled or graduated after three years	153	160	172	164	158
Persistence rate	76.12%	73.06%	81.13%	74.89%	76.7%

#### Athletics

Student Athletes					
Cohort	17	14	9	19	9
Enrolled or graduated after three years	16	10	9	14	3
Persistence rate	94.12%	71.43%	100%	73.68%	33.33%*

#### Honors Program

Honors Program Participants					
Cohort	15	7	9	8	1
Enrolled or graduated after three years	11	6	8	7	0
Persistence rate	73.33%	85.71%	88.89%	87.5%	0%

#### Greek

Sorority Members					
Cohort	6	7	4	6	10
Enrolled or graduated after three years	5	6	4	5	10
Persistence rate	83.33%	85.71%	100%	83.33%	100%
Fraternity Members					
Cohort	8	8	4	7	7
Enrolled or graduated after three years	8	5	3	6	7
Persistence rate	100%	62.5%	75%	85.71%	100%
Greek Total					
Cohort	14	15	8	13	17
Enrolled or graduated after three years	13	11	7	11	17
Persistence rate	92.86%	73.33%	87.5%	84.62%	100%*

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## Three-Year Persistence Report

### Current Majors (Unduplicated) of Transfer Cohorts

	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Cohort size	201	219	212	219	206
Enrolled or graduated after three years	153	160	172	164	158
Persistence rate	76.12%	73.06%	81.13%	74.89%	76.7%

Arts and Humanities					
Cohort	38	34	26	41	36
Enrolled or graduated after three years	27	21	16	31	27
Persistence rate	71.05%	61.76%	61.54%*	75.61%	75%
Social Sciences					
Cohort	31	58	44	51	49
Enrolled or graduated after three years	24	38	33	35	36
Persistence rate	77.42%	65.52%	75%	68.63%	73.47%
Daniels College of Business					
Cohort	107	88	111	91	73
Enrolled or graduated after three years	90	69	101	76	59
Persistence rate	84.11%	78.41%	90.99%*	83.52%	80.82%
Josef Korbel School of International Studies					
Cohort	10	16	13	16	14
Enrolled or graduated after three years	6	13	11	12	12
Persistence rate	60%	81.25%	84.62%	75%	85.71%
Natural Sciences and Mathematics					
Cohort	9	19	12	9	22
Enrolled or graduated after three years	6	17	9	7	18
Persistence rate	66.67%	89.47%	75%	77.78%	81.82%
Engineering and Computer Science					
Cohort	1	3	4	6	7
Enrolled or graduated after three years	0	2	2	2	6
Persistence rate	0%	66.67%	50%	33.33%*	85.71%
Undeclared					
Cohort	5	1	2	5	0
Enrolled or graduated after three years	0	0	0	1	0
Persistence rate	0%	0%	0%	20%*	-

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## Three-Year Persistence Report

### Financial Need Levels of Transfer Cohorts

	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Cohort size	201	219	212	219	206
Enrolled or graduated after three years	153	160	172	164	158
Persistence rate	76.12%	73.06%	81.13%	74.89%	76.7%

No Need Applications Submitted					
Cohort	-	-	-	-	96
Enrolled or graduated after three years	-	-	-	-	74
Persistence rate	-	-	-	-	77.08%
No CSS Submitted/FAFSA Only					
Cohort	-	-	-	-	35
Enrolled or graduated after three years	-	-	-	-	25
Persistence rate	-	-	-	-	71.43%
No Unmet Need					
Cohort	-	-	-	-	14
Enrolled or graduated after three years	-	-	-	-	13
Persistence rate	-	-	-	-	92.86%
Unmet Need \$1 - \$5,000					
Cohort	-	-	-	-	14
Enrolled or graduated after three years	-	-	-	-	14
Persistence rate	-	-	-	-	100%*
Unmet Need \$5,001 - \$10,000					
Cohort	-	-	-	-	13
Enrolled or graduated after three years	-	-	-	-	13
Persistence rate	-	-	-	-	100%*
Unmet Need Greater Than \$10,000					
Cohort	-	-	-	-	34
Enrolled at one year	-	-	-	-	19
Persistence rate	-	-	-	-	55.88%*

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Notes:

1. Beginning Fall 2011, Institutional Research and Analysis began using institutional aid methodology to identify student need levels.
2. Unmet need categories refer only to students who submitted an institutional (CSS) aid application.
3. Institutional methodology data are not available prior to Fall 2008.

## Three-Year Persistence Report

### Non-Persistence Reasons of Transfer Cohorts

	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Cohort size	201	219	212	219	206
Not enrolled or graduated after three years	48	59	40	55	48
Non-persistence rate	23.9%	26.9%	18.9%	25.1%	23.3%

#### Non-Persistence Reasons

Leave of Absence					
Number	11	10	5	0	0
Percent of non-persisted	23.39%	17.24%	12.81%	0%	0%
Withdrawal					
Number	3	6	7	15	20
Percent of non-persisted	6.38%	10.34%	17.94%	27.77%	42.53%
Reason Unknown					
Number	34	43	28	40	28
Percent of non-persisted	70.23%	72.42%	69.25%	72.23%	57.47%

#### Holds Preventing Registration

Academic Holds					
Number	6	4	3	2	0
Percent of non-persisted	12.50%	6.78%	7.5%	3.64%	0%
Financial Holds					
Number	14	12	18	9	30
Percent of non-persisted	29.17%	20.34%	45%	16.36%	62.5%
Judicial Holds					
Number	0	1	3	2	3
Percent of non-persisted	0%	1.69%	7.50%	3.64%	6.25%
Holds Total					
Number	20	17	25	13	34
Percent of non-persisted	42.53%	29.27%	61.31%	24%	70.05%

#### Notes:

1. Students with more than one type of hold are counted in each applicable category.
2. Students are counted only once per category, regardless of the number of holds they have in that category.

## Three-Year Persistence Report

### Leave of Absence Reasons of Transfer Cohorts

	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Cohort size	201	219	212	219	206
Not enrolled or graduated after three years	48	59	40	55	48
Non-persistence rate	23.9%	26.9%	18.9%	25.1%	23.3%

Academic Reasons					
Number	0	2	2	0	0
Percent of non-persisted	0%	3.39%	5%	0%	0%
Break/Vacation/Travel					
Number	1	0	0	0	0
Percent of non-persisted	2.08%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Emergency/Returned Home					
Number	1	0	1	0	0
Percent of non-persisted	2.08%	0%	2.5%	0%	0%
Emotional Health					
Number	2	0	0	0	0
Percent of non-persisted	4.17%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Financial Reasons					
Number	1	2	1	0	0
Percent of non-persisted	2.08%	3.39%	2.5%	0%	0%
Job Responsibility/Internship					
Number	3	2	0	0	0
Percent of non-persisted	6.25%	3.39%	0%	0%	0%
Paternity/Maternity Leave					
Number	0	0	1	0	0
Percent of non-persisted	0%	0%	2.5%	0%	0%
Personal Reasons					
Number	0	3	0	0	0
Percent of non-persisted	0%	5.08%	0%	0%	0%
Physical Health/Medical Reasons					
Number	3	1	0	0	0
Percent of non-persisted	6.25%	1.69%	0%	0%	0%
Leaves of Absence Total					
Number	11	10	5	0	0
Percent of non-persisted	23.39%	17.24%	12.81%	0%	0%

## Three-Year Persistence Report

### Withdrawal Reasons of Transfer Cohorts

	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Cohort size	201	219	212	219	206
Not enrolled or graduated after three years	48	59	40	55	48
Non-persistence rate	23.9%	26.9%	18.9%	25.1%	23.3%

Academic Reasons					
Number	0	3	2	4	3
Percent of non-persisted	0%	5.08%	5%	7.27%	6.25%
Career Reasons					
Number	0	0	0	2	2
Percent of non-persisted	0%	0%	0%	3.64%	4.17%
Church Mission					
Number	0	0	0	0	0
Percent of non-persisted	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Financial Reasons					
Number	0	0	2	3	4
Percent of non-persisted	0%	0%	5%	5.45%	8.33%
Foreign Aid/Peace Corps Service					
Number	0	0	0	0	0
Percent of non-persisted	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Reasons					
Number	1	1	0	2	1
Percent of non-persisted	2.08%	1.69%	0%	3.64%	2.08%
Personal/Family Reasons					
Number	2	2	1	4	9
Percent of non-persisted	4.17%	3.39%	2.5%	7.27%	18.75%
Serving in the Armed Forces					
Number	0	0	0	0	0
Percent of non-persisted	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Social Reasons					
Number	0	0	2	0	1
Percent of non-persisted	0%	0%	5%	0%	2.08%
Withdrawals Total					
Number	3	6	7	15	20
Percent of non-persisted	6.38%	10.34%	17.94%	27.77%	42.53%