Retention and Graduation Rates of Baylor Interdisciplinary Core (BIC) Students
Fall 1995 – Fall 2012

Executive Summary

An analysis of retention and graduation rates for entering BIC students and all first-time freshmen was performed. The following conclusions were drawn:

- BIC students have a higher one-year retention rate compared to all first-time freshmen.
- BIC students graduate at a higher rate compared to all first-time freshmen.

Detailed Report

The Baylor Interdisciplinary Core (BIC) option for the general education degree requirements began in the fall of 1995. This report examines the retention and graduation rates for entering BIC students. Comparisons are made to retention and graduation rates for all first-time freshmen. For the purpose of this study, entering BIC students are defined as first-time freshmen for a specific fall term who registered for BIC courses or who were coded with the BIC flag for the fall term.

For each entering BIC class, the student's position in four categories for subsequent fall terms is determined:

- Enrolled BIC: Still taking BIC courses or coded as a BIC student
- Enrolled BU: Still at Baylor as an undergraduate student but no longer taking BIC courses nor coded as a BIC student
- GONE: No longer registered at Baylor
- GRAD: Graduated from Baylor -- this category does not consider BIC status but only whether the entering BIC student from the specified class graduated from Baylor

The following table compares one-year retention rates and graduation rates between students who entered the University in the BIC program and all first-time freshmen. These rates represent a five-year average. The table also compares the four-year and six-year graduation rates for the same two cohort groups.

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Retention and Graduation Rates
Baylor Interdisciplinary Core
Fall 1995 - Fall 2011

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Note: Graduation rates are cumulative -- graduates in one term are counted as graduates in all subsequent terms. If a student graduated prior to the beginning of the specified fall term, then they are counted as graduated.