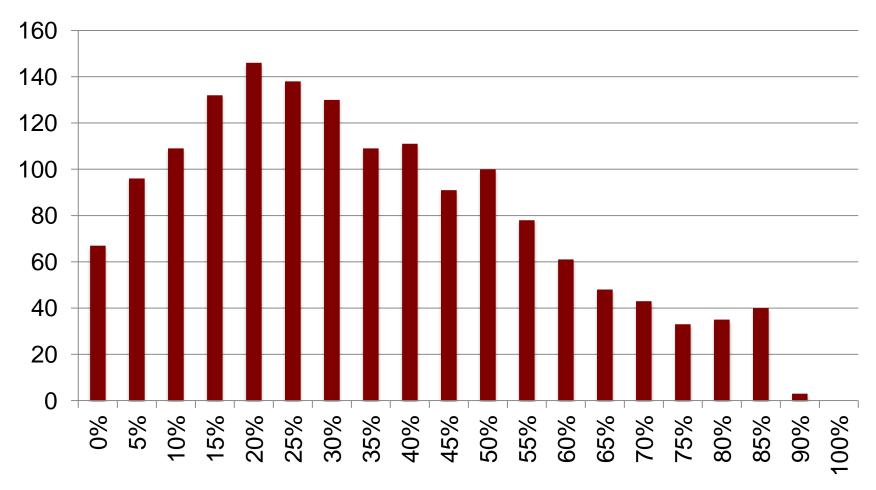
GRADUATION IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILTY

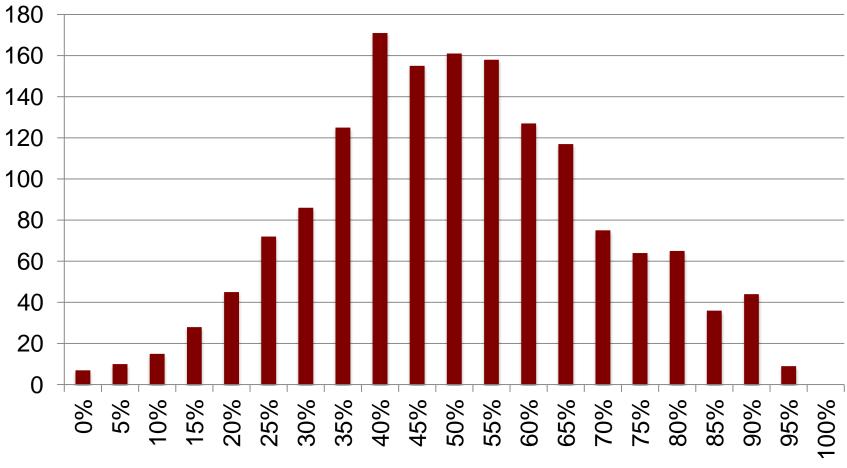
Larry Abele January 27, 2017

The four-year graduation rate for all US baccalaureate institution* is distressingly low

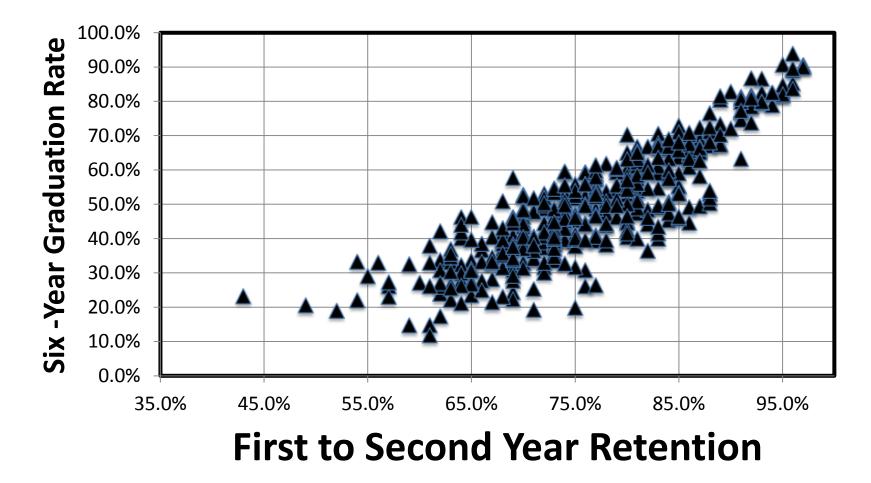


*2013 IPEDS, n=1570, institutions with <50 in cohort excluded

Even the six-year graduation rate for all US baccalaureate institutions* is low



Institutional policies have a large effect on graduation rates*

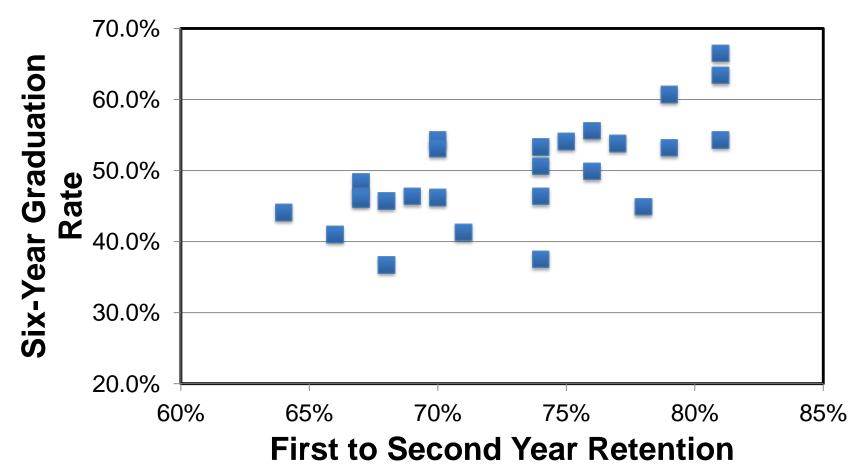


Twelve variables used to compare universities

- Standardized test score,
- High school gpa,
- % Pell,
- Selectivity.
- Size,
- Commuter or residential

- Expenditures per student,
- Carnegie classification,
- Age structure of students
- Public or private
- % STEM degrees ,
- % Part-time

Universities with similar characteristics can differ significantly in graduation rates



25 similar institutions based on 12 variables: standardized test score, high school gpa, % Pell, selectivity. Size, commuter or residential, expenditures per student, Carnegie classification, age structure, public, % STEM degrees ,%PT

Student Achievement Measure*: six year outcomes for students who started at fouryear publics

State	Total rate	Starting institution	Different 4-yr	Different 2-yr	Still Enrolled	Not Enrolled
Naťl	61.16%	48.44%	9.46%	3.26%	14.20 %	24.64 %
GA	60.0%4	45.40%	11.23%	3.42%	16.07%	23.89%

Data: National Student Clearinghouse Research Center,

Signature Report 10. Shapiro, D., Dundar, A., Wakhungu,

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Rates (Signature Report No. 10a).

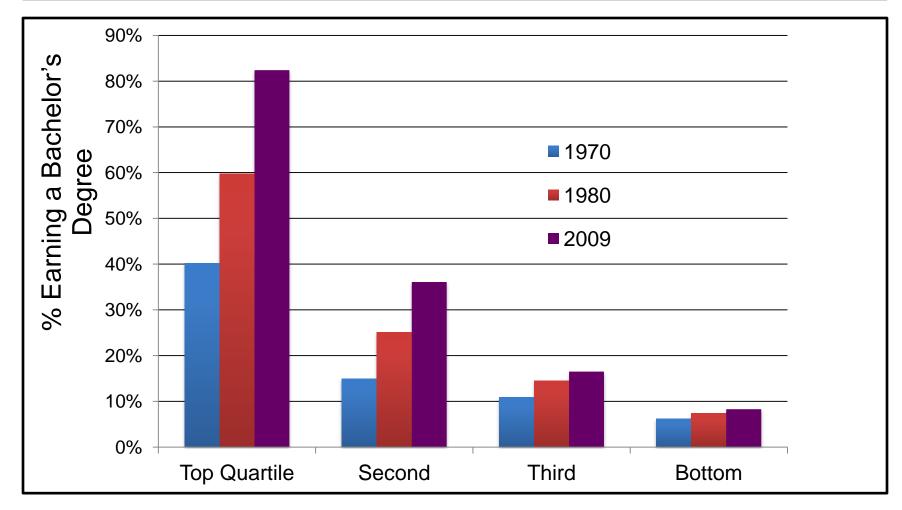
Herndon, VA: National Student Clearinghouse Research Center.

Student Achievement Measure*: Six Year Outcomes for Students Who Started at Two-Year Publics

State	Total rate	Starting institution	Diff. 2-yr	Diff. 4-yr	Sub. 4-yr Inst.	Total 4-yr	Still Enr.	Not Enr.
Nat'l	38.14%	26.00%	3.18%	8.96%	6.11%	15.07%	16.60%	45.27%
GA	36.09%	27.80%	3.13%	5.16%	2.31%	7.47%	13.92%	49.98%

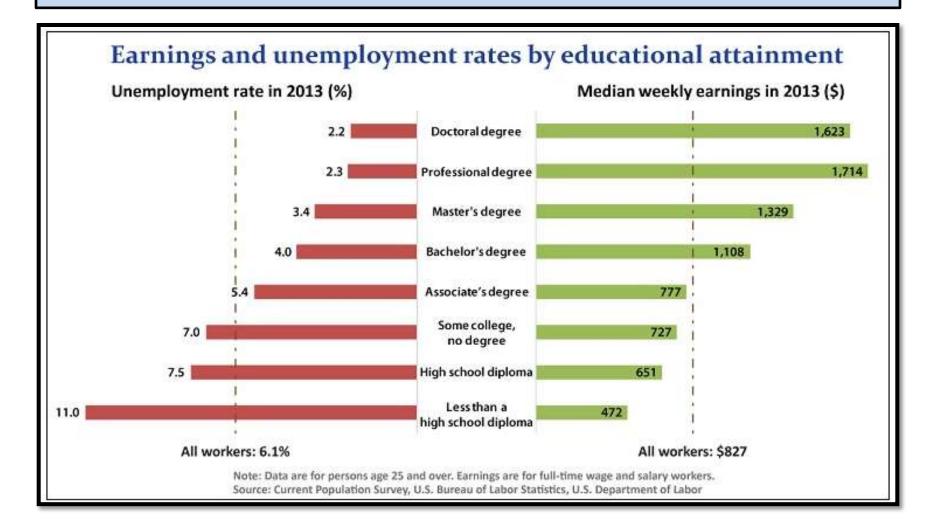
**Data: National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, Signature Report, Table 3, State Suppl. *http://www.studentachievementmeasure.org/

The Education Gap by income has increased significantly since 1970



http://www.postsecondary.org/last12/221_1110pg1_16.pdf

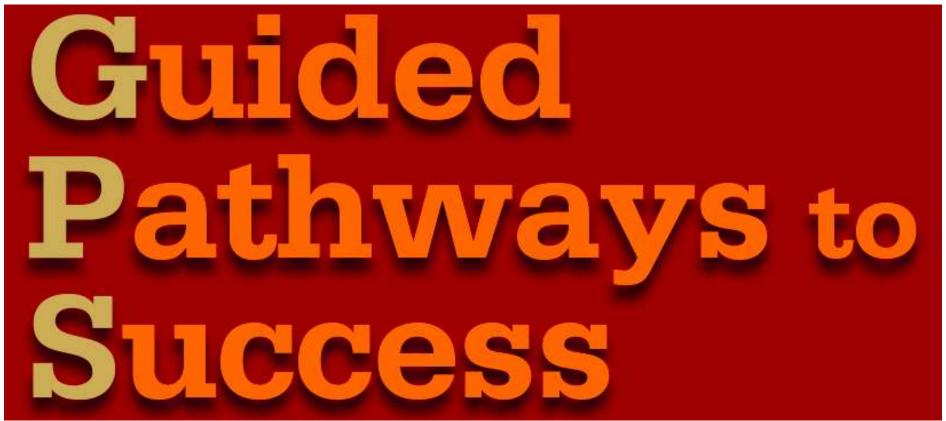
A college degree is a huge economic advantage



How do we address these challenges?

- LOW GRADUATION RATE
- TOO MUCH TIME TO A DEGREE
- EXCESS HOURS
- HIGH COSTS
- TOO MUCH DEBT
- EDUCATIONAL INEQUALITY

Academic Maps are the solution to almost all of our challenges: excess hours, time to degree, high costs and low graduation rates IF policies are developed amd implemented



All students benefit from Academic Maps, intrusive advising and strong policies

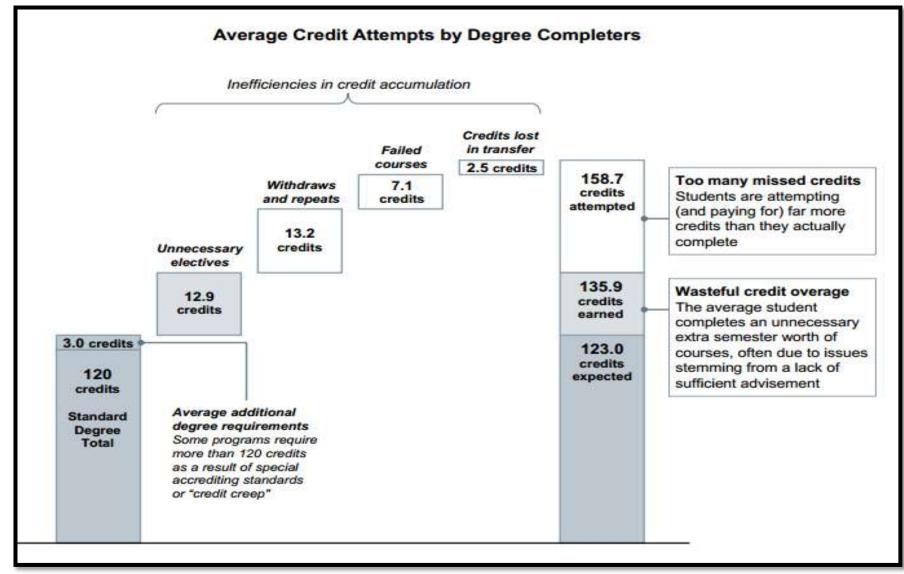
Students	1994 cohort (6-yr rate)	2007 cohort (6-yr rate)
All	60.7%	79.6%
African Americans	56.0%	78.6%
Hispanic	50.8%	79.2%

Source: College Navigator:http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/ f?q=florida+state+university&s=all&id=134097#retgrad; for 2007 cohort IPEDS data center for 1994 cohport Without guidance or barriers students begin college without enrolling in the appropriate courses accumulating excess hours right from the start and extending time to degree by as much as a year

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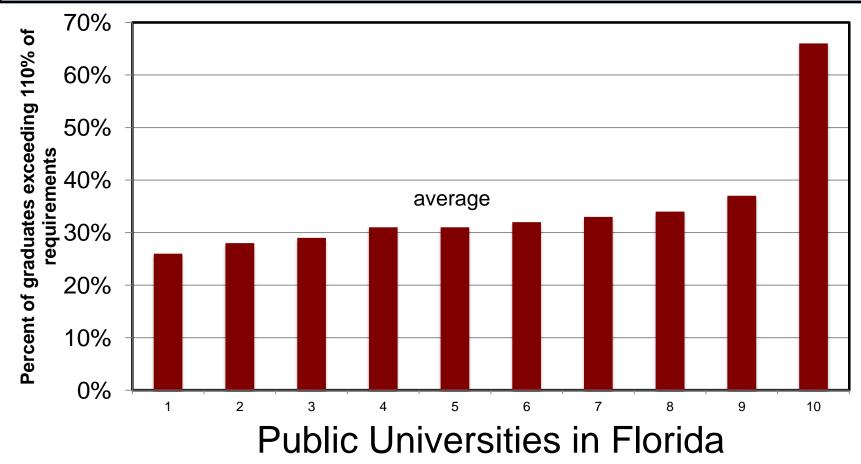
 49% of STEM majors do not take any mathematics during their first year in a two-yr., college (n~5,600)

Nationally, students who do graduate often take extra years and extra credits



Credit: "Building Guided Pathways to Success," Education Advisory Board

Almost 20,000 FL graduates in 2014 exceeded 132 hours at graduation, costing them and the state hundreds of millions of dollars



Distribution of excess hours of students who have not applied for graduation by type*

n	Type (%)	Mean	Median	Range
1785	FTIC	135.5	131	120-254
1037	AA	135.9	131	120-269
261	Transfer**	137.6	133	120-254
3,083		135.9	131	120-269

*None of these students have applied for graduation.

** Transferred from another university without a degree. Spring term 2013

Why Students Drift, Accumulate Excess Hours and Fail to Graduate

- Insufficient advising
- Catalogs are difficult to understand
- General Education requirements are confusing
- Cannot enroll in the required class: not enough seats, not offered, time conflicts with other classes, etc.
- Do not understand course prerequisites and/or course sequencing
- Course withdrawals, repeats, and failures
- Changing majors late in academic career

Total degree hours at graduation by matriculation type

Matriculation Type	n	Mean Hours	SD
FTIC	4,210	132.9	13.9
FL CC Transfer	1,978	132.8	16.1
Other FL Transfer	374	138.5	19.0
All	6,562	133.2	15.0

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

(Select 12 courses from this list of more than 300)

Basic Liberal Studies Requirements: [2 courses must include the Diversity (D) overlay]

English Communication: 6 credits; 3 credits must be in a writing course

Writing (ECw): ELS 112, 122 (nonnative speakers); HPR 326; WRT 104, 105, 106, 201, 227, 235, 302, 303, 304(D), 305(D), 333. General (EC): COM 100(D), 110(D); LIB 120; PHL 101.

Fine Arts and Literature (A): 6 credits; 3 credits in Fine Arts and 3 credits in Literature

Fine Arts: ARH 120(D), 251(D), 252(D); ART 101, 207; FLM 101(D), 203(D), 204(D), 205(D); HPR 105, 124, 201A, 202A, 324; LAR 201; MUS 101(D), 106(D), 111, 292(D), 293(D); PLS 233; SPA 320(D); THE 100, 181, 351(D), 352(D), 381, 382, 383. Literature: AAF 247(D), 248(D); CLA 391(D), 395(D), 396(D), 397(D); CLS 160(D); ENG 110(D), 160(D), 241(D), 242(D), 243(D), 247(D), 248(D), 251(D), 252(D), 260(D), 262(D), 263(D), 264(D), 265(D), 280(D), 300(D), 302(D), 303(D), 304(D), 317(D), 355(D), 357(D), 358(D); FRN 309(D), 310(D), 320(D), 391(D), 392(D), 393(D); HPR 105, 125, 201A, 202A; RUS 391(D), 392(D); SPA 305(D), 306(D), 307(D), 308(D); WMS 317(D).

Language/Culture (FC): 6 credits

- Demonstration of competence through the intermediate level by examination or successfully completing through 104 (living language) or 302 (classical language)
- Two-course sequence (or one course at the 113 level) in a previously studied language through at the appropriate level (all D): ARB 103, 104; CHN 103, 104; FRN 103, 104; GER 103, 104; GRK 301, 302; HBW 103, 104; ITL 103, 104, 111; JPN 103, 104; LAN 193, 194; LAT 301, 302; POR 103, 104; RUS 103, 104; SPA 103, 104, 111, 113, 210.
- Two-course sequence (or one course at the 111 level) in a language not previously studied (or studied for less than two years in high school) through the beginning level: ARB 101, 102; CHN 101, 102; FRN 101, 102; GER 101, 102; GRK 101, 102; HBW 101, 102; ITL 101, 102; JPN 101, 102; LAN 191, 192; LAT 101, 102; POR 101, 102; RUS 101, 102; SPA 101, 102.
- Study abroad in an approved program for one semester
- Major in a foreign language
- Formerly registered international students, students with recognized immigrant status, or naturalized citizens (at Dean's discretion)
- Two courses in Cross-Cultural Competence: CPL 300(D); FRN 309(D), 310(D), 320(D), 391(D), 392(D), 393(D); HIS 132(D), 171(D), 172(D), 180(D), 311(D), 327(D), 374(D), 375(D); HPR 201F, 202F; LET 151L(D), 151Q(D), 151R; NRS 300; PHL 331(D); RLS 131(D); SPA 320(D), TMD 224(D); six credits of a full-semester approved Intercultural Internship in a foreign country through the Office of Internships and Experiential Education

Letters(L): 6 credits

AAF 150(D), 201(D), 355(D), 356(D); APG 327; BGS 392(D); CLS 160(D), 235; EGR 316(D); ENG 110(D), 160(D), 243(D), 251(D), 252(D), 280(D), 355(D), 356(D); FRN 391(D), 392(D), 393(D); HIS 111, 112, 113(D), 114(D), 116, 117, 118(D), 130(D), 132(D), 141(D), 142(D), 145(D), 146(D), 150(D), 160(D), 171(D), 172(D), 180(D), 304, 305, 310(D), 311(D), 314, 323(D), 327(D), 332(D), 333(D), 340(D), 341(D), 346(D), 351(D), 355(D), 356(D), 374(D), 375(D); HPR 107, 201L, 202L, 307; JOR 110(D); LAR 202(D); LET 151L(D), 151Q(D), 151R(D); NUR 360(D); PHL 101, 103, 204, 210(D), 212(D), 215, 217(D), 235, 314, 316(D), 321, 322, 323(D), 325(D), 326(D), 331(D), 346, 355; PSC 341, 342; PSY 310; RLS 111(D), 125, 126, 131(D); WMS 220(D), 315(D), 320(D)

Mathematics(MQ): 3 credits satisfied by MTH 141

BUS 111, CSC 101, 201; HPR 108, 201M, 202M; MTH 106, 107, 108, 109, 111, 131, 141; PSC 109; STA 220.

Natural Sciences(N): 6 credits; satisfied by PHY

AFS 190, 210, 211; APG 201(D); AST 108, 118; AVS 101(D); BCH 190; BIO 101, 102, 105, 106, 286(D); BPS 201; CHM 100, 101, 103, 112; GEO 100, 102, 103, 110, 113, 120; HPR 109, 201N, 202N; MIC 190; NFS 207; NRS 190; OCG 110, 123, 131; PHY 109, 111, 112, 140, 185, 186, 203, 204, 205, 273, 274, 275; PLS 150, 190; TMD 113

Social Sciences(S): 6 credits

APG 200(D), 202, 203(D), 301(D); CPL 202(D); ECN 100(D), 201, 202, 306, 381(D); EDC 102(D); EEC 105, 310, 356; GEG 101(D), 104(D), 202(D); HDF 225; HPR 110(D), 201S, 202S; HSS 130; JOR 110(D); KIN 123(D); LIN 200(D); MAF 100; NUR 150(D); PSC 113(D), 116(D), 274(D), 288; PSY 103(D), 113(D), 232(D), 235(D), 254(D), 255(D); SOC 100(D), 212(D), 230(D), 240(D), 242(D), 274(D); TMD 224(D), WMS 150(D)

A PARTIAL LIST OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR A HISTORY MAJOR (Select at least 2 courses from AMH, WHO, EUH and 1 from ASH)

EUH 3530. England, the Empire and the Commonwealth (3). This course offers a history of Great Britain and the Empire-Commonwealth since 1783 and developments within the Commonwealth itself. Some consideration is given to post–World War II changes within Britain and to Britain's foreign affairs.

HIS 2050. The Historian's Craft (3). In this course, students learn how to conduct primary source historical research, and turn their research findings into a high-quality paper based on professional history standards.

HIS 3464. History of Science (3). This course is a study of the mutually-shaping relationships between social and political ideas and the histories of the various sciences.

HIS 3491. Medicine and Society (3). This course examines the development of public health and the history of medicine in the United States from the colonial period to the present. Topics cover changes in the medical knowledge, the medical profession, government responsibilities, and public responses; how individuals accept, modify, or react to medical authority; how race, class, gender, and ethnicity shape health practices and the delivery of medical care; how the health of a community can be protected; and what constitutes a public health hazard.

LAH 1093. Latin America: A Cross-Cultural History (3). This course is a cross-cultural history of Latin America focusing on women, Native Americans, African-Americans, mestizos, and mulattoes in historical context. The course does not count as credit toward the history major.

WOH 1023. The Modern World to 1815 (3). This liberal studies course deals with the origins and development of political, economic, social, and intellectual antecedents of the modern world from the end of the Middle Ages to 1815. Students who have previous college credit in Western civilization courses covering the same general chronological period cannot receive credit for WOH 1023. May not be taken by students with test credit in European history.

WOH 1030. The Modern World Since 1815 (3). This liberal studies course deals with the origins and development of political, economic, social, and intellectual antecedents in the modern world since 1815. Students who have previous college credit in Western civilization courses covering the same general chronological period cannot receive credit for WOH 1030. May not be taken by students with test credit in European history.

*AMH 3472. Evolution of Law, Crime, and Justice in American Society: 1865 to the Present (3). This course serves as an intermediate level survey of the social and political developments in the fields of crime and law from the end of the Civil War to the present. Its focus is on the changing definitions of criminal behavior, regional patterns of crime, the changing nature of punishment, and Constitutional issues relating to crime.

AMH 3540. Military History of the United States (3). This course is a survey of both the military experiences and issues in American history. The course analyzes war, its economic issues, technological developments, politics, and other factors that have influenced the military aspects of American history.

*AMH 3544. The United States and Vietnam, 1941–1975 (3). This course examines the involvement of the United States in Vietnam from World War II through the fall of Saigon in 1975 and considers the legacy of this experience for American foreign relations and society.

AMH 3930r. Studies in U.S. History (3). This course includes examination of a special topic related to U.S. history. Topics vary. The course may be repeated as topics vary to a maximum of nine semester hours.

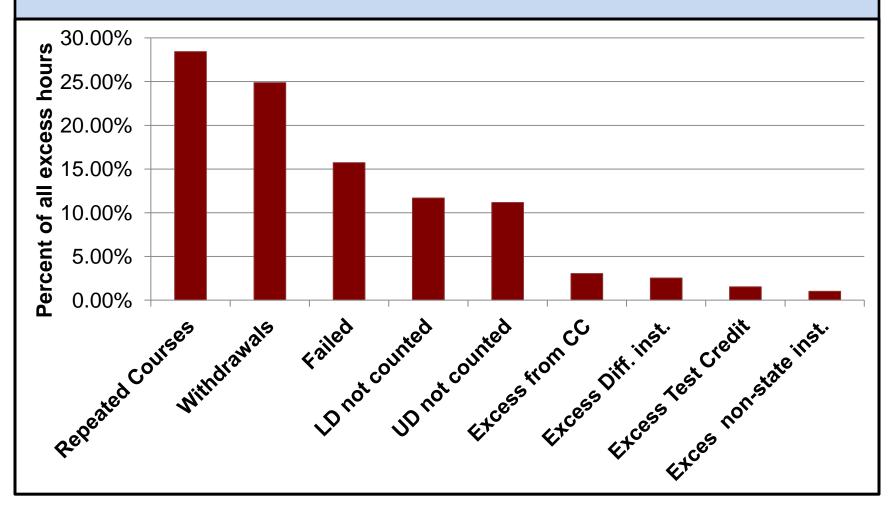
AMH 4110. Colonial America to 1763 (3). This course studies and compares the founding and development of the English colonies in North America.

AMH 4130. Revolutionary America, 1760-1788 (3). This course examines the political, social, and economic history of British America from the end of the Seven Years War to the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. Emphasis is placed on the origins, course, and aftermath of the colonial rebellion that became the American Revolution and led to the founding of the U.S. The course considers the fundamental causes of the Revolution and the many ways in which the former colonies were transformed by the experience.

AMH 4172. The Civil War Era (3). This course offers an in-depth study of the twenty years from 1845 to 1865. Emphasis is placed on the coming of the Civil War, the secession crisis, and on both the military and nonmilitary events of the war years.

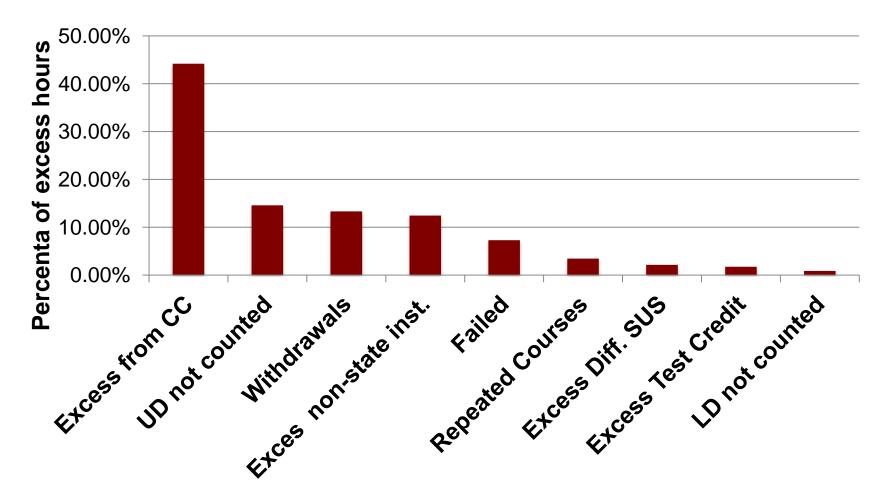
AMH 4173. Post-Civil War America, 1865–1890 (3). This course analyzes post-Civil War America with emphasis on the black role in American society and the attempt to heal the wounds of the Civil War. Topics include the rise of big business, labor unions, and the last frontier

Over half of excess hours state-wide for FTIC students are repeats, withdrawal and failures as students struggle in inappropriate courses and/or majors



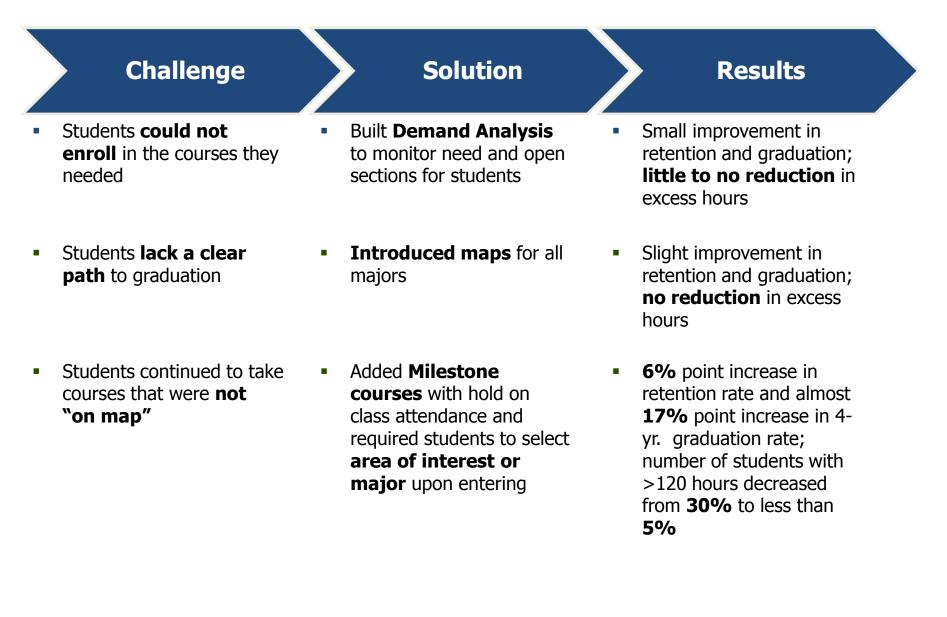
State University System of Florida Report on 2002-03 baccalaureate graduates, (15,178 FTIC students; partially verified and replicated in 2011)

AA transfer students have taken too many courses while in community college



State University System of Florida Report on 2002-03 baccalaureate graduates, n=13,495 AA transfer

A successful implementation of academic maps required a series of steps to achieve the desired results



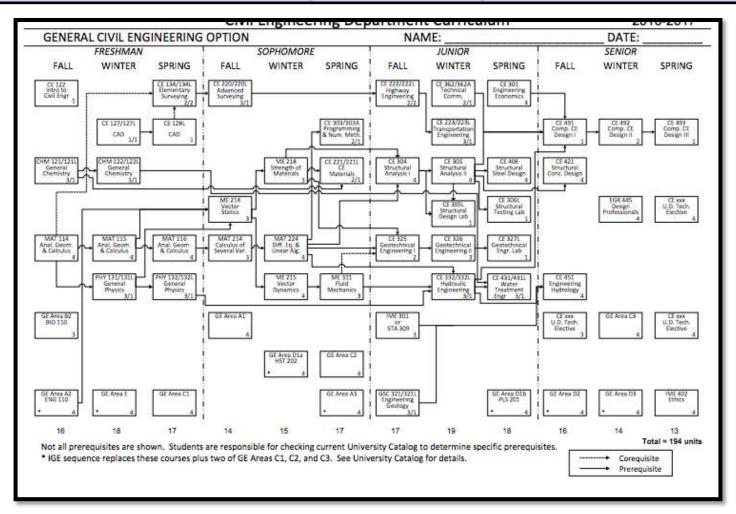
Academic Maps

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An academic map is a **term-byterm sequence** of courses required to **complete the degree in two or four years**. This helps students understand how degree requirements **can be translated into a term-by-term registration plan**.

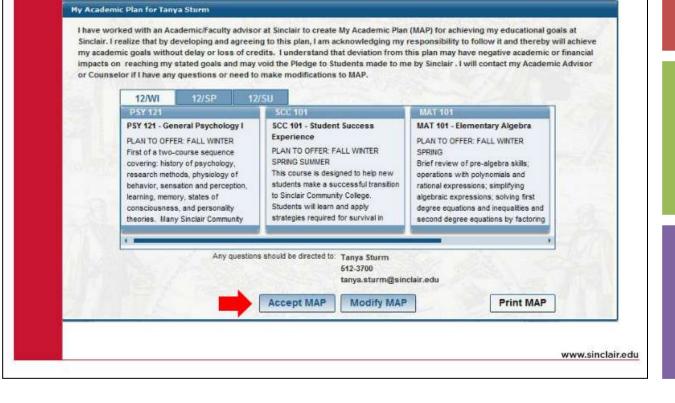
Flow chart of courses for Civil Engineering



Accounting Road Map

<u>Quarter</u>	Fall	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>	
Year				
1	A-2 MATH 140 (B-4) C-1 CSUB 101	A-1 B-1 D-3 / Local Government MIS 200A	A-3 C-5 US History	
49 units	17 units	17 units	15 units	
2	C-2, C-3 or C-4 ECON 220 ECON 201 (D-2)	B-2 ACCT 220 ECON 202	Acct 221 BA 300 or ECON 380 (GRE) D-1, D-4, or D-5	
94 units	15 units	15 units	15 units	
Junior 3	ACCT 300 ACCT 303 Upper Core	ACCT 301 Upper Core BA 374 (Theme 3)	ACCT 275 ACCT 400 Upper Core	
139 units	15 units	15 units	15 units	
Senior 4	ACCT 360 Upper Core Theme 1	ACCT 325 or 326 Upper Core GWAR Foreign Language (if necessary)	ACCT 408 BA 490 Theme 2	
184-189 units	15 units	15-20 units	15 units	

Sinclair Community College presents courses as defaults in their registration system



MAP (My Academic Plan)

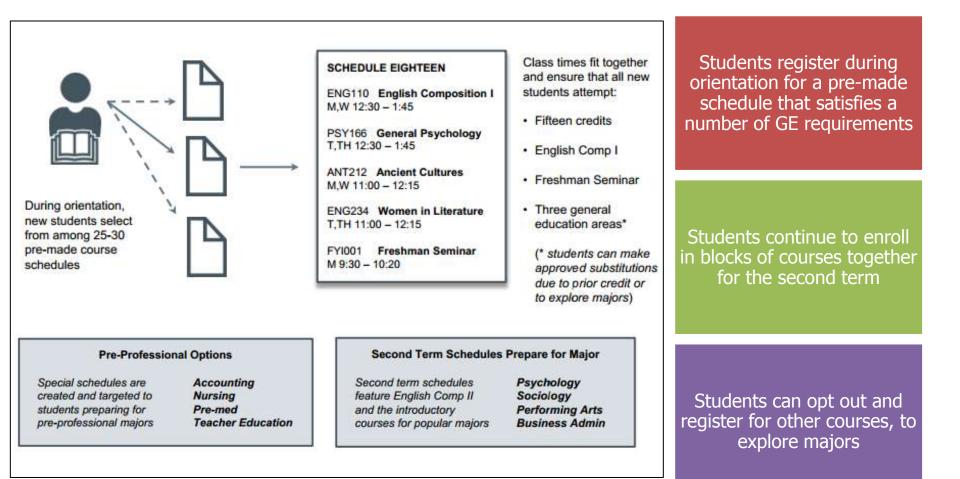
Students meet with advisors to develop personalized degree maps

Map is loaded into the registration system and courses are presented to student as default courses

Students can opt out and register for other courses, with a warning

Credit: http://flashmedia.sinclair.edu/dl/dept/advising/presenter/online registration/index.htm

At CUNY Lehman College, entering students are required to choose from pre-built course schedules



Credit: CUNY Lehman College, "Building Guided Pathways to Success," Education Advisory Board

Florida International University has developed a comprehensive system for integrating maps into their student advising system



MyMajorMatch (interest inventory)

Students can take an on-line assessment to gauge their interest and skill across areas

MyMajor (academic maps)

Provide admissions criteria, course sequence, and career opportunities for each major

Differentiated maps for two-year transfer vs. four-year students

My_e_advisor (registration flag) Provides immediate feedback to students and advisors on progress Alerts students and advisors if students are off-track

Florida International University lists milestone courses with critical grades

Spring Term	2013	Term Hours: 14 Cum GPA: 2.000			
Course Group	Course Required	Course Description	Credit Hours	Critical Indicator	Course Notes
Common Prerequisites	CHM 1046	Gen Chemistry II	3.00	В	Note Critical Grade Based on Predictive Analytics
Common Prerequisites	CHM 1046L	Gen Chem Lab II	1.00	В	
UCC English Composition	ENC 1102	Writing and Rhetoric	3.00		
Common Prerequisites	MAC 2312	Calculus II	4.00	В	Also satisfies UCC Second Quantitative Reasoning course. (1) See endnotes
UCC Social Inquiry - Foundations of Social Inquiry			3.00		(1) See endnotes

Academic Maps: Four essential components—the narrative, sample schedule, milestones, and employment opportunities

MY GUIDED PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

The narrative explains the use of academic maps a any specific information ab degree requirements ,	na otio	ior: Requirements n of Major	for Majo	ſ					
including admissions requirements.	ourse Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	Area	Recommended Minimum Grade	Milestones & Notes			
	ENC 101	English Composition	3			Milestone: Must complete this count this ter			
The sample schedule outlines which courses should be	105	College Algebra	3		со	e milestones identify critic a urses for timely progress and			
taken in which specific term in	HIS 201	American History	3		cai	he last semester in which they an be completed for on-time praduation. Critical grades or Milestone courses may be ncluded.			
order to satisfy all requirements.	BIO 105	General Biology	3		fo				
		biology to Employr rmation	1 nent 16		National A http://nace Occupation	ent Information ssociation of Colleges and web.org/salary-resources/i nal Outlook Handbook <u>http:</u> Future <u>http://www.onetonlin</u>	ndex.aspx //www.bls.gov/ooh/		

A student's grade in their first biology course is predictive of success in biology but not for other majors

GRADE	А	В	С	D	F	W
% graduating in biology	68.4%	49.3%	27.5%	9.8%	7.0%	17.1%
% graduating with any major	87.8%	86.1%	74.8%	78.0%	40.7%	65.7%

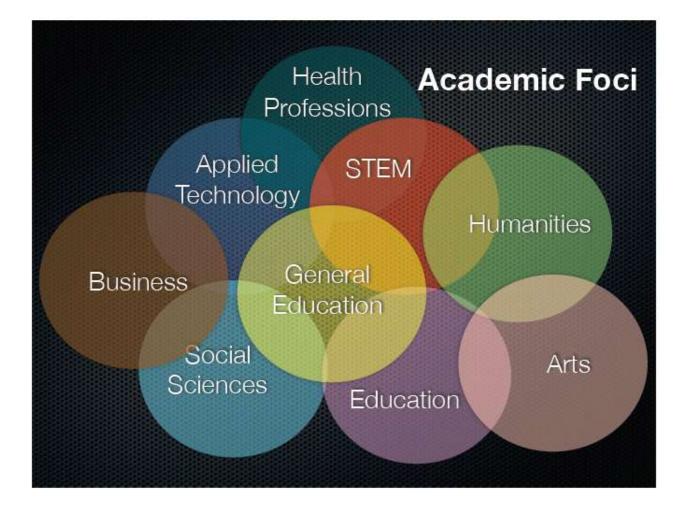
Narrative: special conditions for accounting

Accounting is a limited-access major. To be admitted into accounting, you must have completed at least 52 hours, have earned a "C-" or better in the Admission Prerequisite Courses (CGS2100, MAC2233, ECO2013, ECO2023, ACG2021, & **STA2023**), and have the required overall GPA of 3.0. Electives should focus on gaining additional exposure to the social and behavioral sciences and on improving communication and analytical reasoning skills. There are many specializations within the accounting field. Graduates can go on into challenging positions with only a bachelor's degree; however, many positions require a CPA certificate. Students planning to work as a CPA in Florida are required to complete a 5-year educational program and should plan on completing the master's degree in Accounting.

Academic meta-majors in Florida required by statute



Tennessee academic areas



https://www.tbr.edu/academics/initiatives-academic³⁶

Business meta-major map

ACADEMIC MAP

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. The milestones listed to the right of each term are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. The Sample Schedule serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term. The Liberal Studies (General Education) and Elective courses must be selected to satisfy all area, literature, lab, and other requirements unless your program meets these requirements with major courses. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. Missing milestones will result in one of two types of map registration stops. The first level (*Degres Map Offtrack*) is placed following grade posting if the student has missed a milestone (course and/or GPA) for the first time in the major. If a student is in non-compliance with milestones for two (2) consecutive semesters (excluding summers), a Major Change Regained stop is placed on the student's registration.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE*

TERM 1	Hrs.	Area
Required English course	3	
Algebra or other Pre-calculus	3	
Microeconomics	3	
General Education	3	
Elective	3	
Total Hours	15	

TERM 2	Hrs.	Area
Second English requirement	3	
Calculus	3	
Macroeconomics	3	
Elective	3	
General Education	3	
Total Hours	15	

TERM 3	Hrs.	Area
Statistics	3	
Financial Accounting/Principles I	3	
Microcomputer Applications	3	
General Education (Natural Science)	3	
Business elective	3	
Total Hours	1.5	

TERM 4	Hrs.	Area
Managerial Accounting/Principles II	3	
Elective	3	
General Education	3	
Elective (Non-business)	3	
General Education	3	
Total Hours	15	

MILESTONES

TERM 1 Complete required English course Algebra or other Pre-calculus

GPA of 2.7 or higher

TERM 2

Complete second English course Complete calculus GPA of 2.8 or higher

TERM 3

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Financial Accounting GPA of 2.9 or higher

TERM 4

Complete all admission requirements & apply GPA 2.9 or higher

Public Safety/Criminology meta-major Map

SAMPLE SCHEDULE*

TERM 1	Hrs.	Area
Required English course	3	
Mathematics course	3	
General Education (Science)	4	
Elective (Minor)	3	
Seminar	1	
Total Hours		

TERM 2	Hrs.	Area
Second English requirement	3	
Statistics	3	
Computer Science	3	
Elective (Minor)	3	
General Education	3	
Total Hours	15	

TERM 3	Hrs.	Area
Criminology course	3	
Criminology course	3	
Elective (Minor)	3	
General Education	3	
General Education	3	
Total Hours	15	

TERM 4	Hrs.	Area
Criminology course	3	
Criminology course	3	
General Education	3	
General education	3	
Elective (Minor)	3	
Total Hours	15	

MILESTONES

Complete required English course

TERM 2

TERM 1

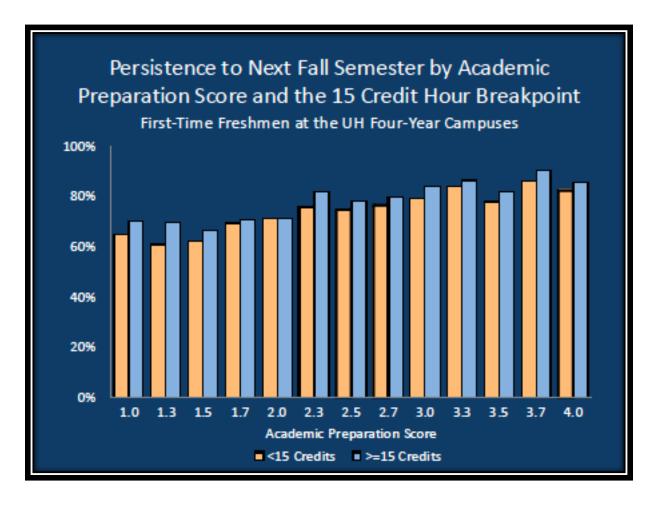
Complete second English course Complete Mathematics requirements

TERM 3 Complete Elective for Minor Complete Statistics

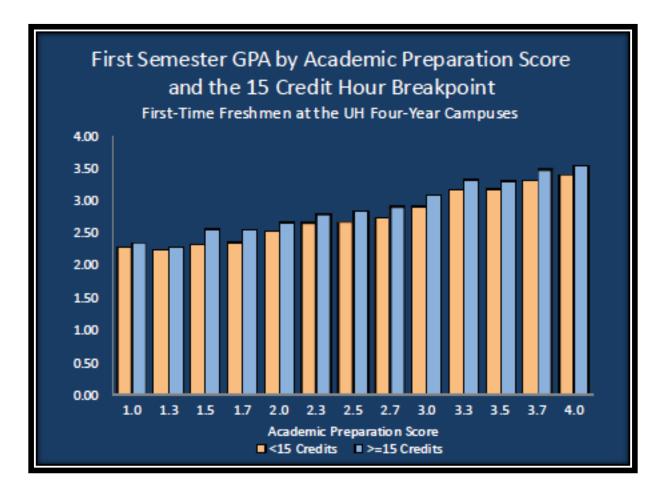
TERM 4

Complete at least two Criminology courses

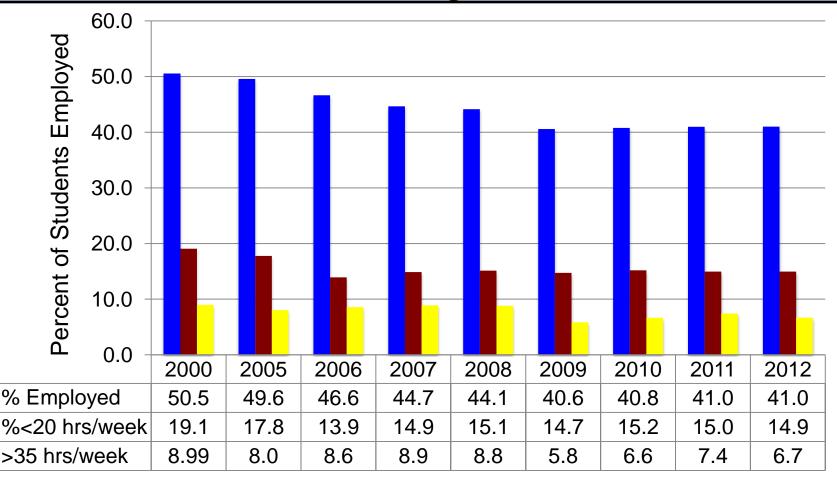
At every level of academic preparation students taking 15 hours had higher retention



At every level of academic preparation students taking 15 hours had higher GPAs



The majority of full-time* students at public 4-year institutions are not employed while attending school**



*77.2% of students are full-time: Table 303.50, Digest Educational Statistics 2013 **Table 503.20, Digest of Education Statistics 2013

The Process

- Academic maps begin with the requirements established by the faculty and published in the institution catalog or bulletin.
- The process does not make any changes to the curriculum.
- Requirements are reformatted into a term-by-term sequence of courses required to complete the degree in two or four years.
- The faculty set the policy on number of repeats for milestone courses before a change in major is required.
- The faculty have final approval of all maps.

Key academic policies

- Require early declaration of interest area (a metamajor) or major.
- Require every student without a major to attend a "choosing a major" workshop and have a major selected by 30 hours.
- Establish Milestones for each term (key courses, factors, or events that must be completed by a specific time in order to stay on track). These courses **must be** offered when needed. Monitor Milestones and require a meeting with an advisor if not completed (=Intrusive Advising). Change majors if missed a second time.

> Rationalize general education requirements.

Key advising policies

- Assist students with choosing a major through workshops, the Career Center and web resources, e.g., <u>http://www.bls.gov/ooh/</u> and <u>http://www.onetonline.org/</u>.
- Monitor student registration and grades for milestone courses.
- Every student "off-map" **must be mandated** to meet with an advisor in person (or electronically).
- Students must change majors if they are "offmap" two consecutive terms.

Key communication policies

- > Earning a degree is a two of four year process.
- Maps must be part of every communication with students, staff, faculty and family.
- They must be easy to find and easy to understand.
- Maps must be integrted into every aspect of the academic experience.
- Place maps together to allow students to browse and compare.

Maps benefit students

- Students save time and money.
- ➤They avoid unnecessary courses.
- \succ They reduce time to degree.
- They always know where they are and where they are going.

Providing students with a clear path to graduation reduces excess hours, significantly reduces costs, and improves time to graduation

Year	Students with Excess Hours	4-year Graduation Rate
2000	7,382	44.2%
2006	3,011	53.2%
2009	1,540	61.2%

All students benefit from Academic Maps, intrusive advising and strong policies

Students	1994 cohort (6-yr rate)	2007 cohort (6-yr rate)
All	60.7%	79.6%
African Americans	56.0%	78.6%
Hispanic	50.8%	79.2%

Source: College Navigator:http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/ f?q=florida+state+university&s=all&id=134097#retgrad; for 2007 cohort IPEDS data center for 1994 cohport

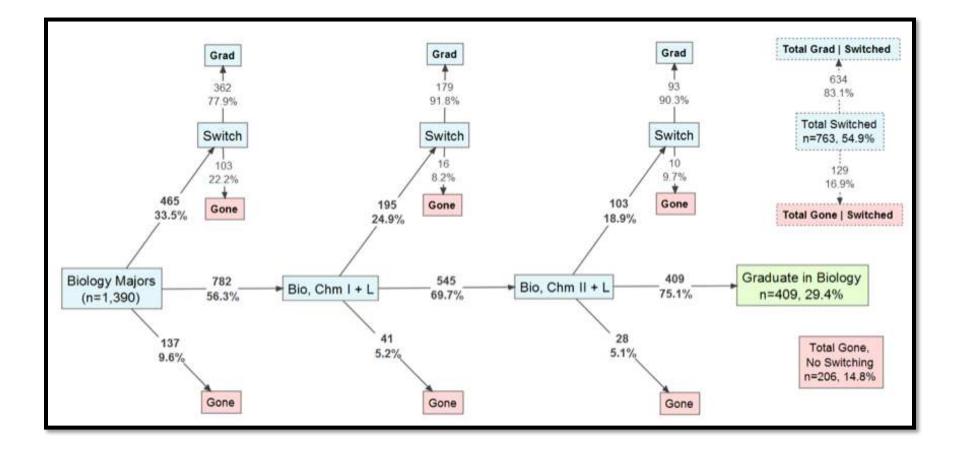
Maps benefit institutions

- Departments always know the numbers of majors.
- Departments know the courses they will need in the future as well as the number of seats.
- Classrooms can be optimally scheduled.
- > Faculty can plan for the future.
- > Advisors can be more effectively utilized.

Milestone Courses by Major and by term

Major	Lower- Division Students	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Accounting	588	Algebra	Calculus	Statistics
Biology	1307	Algebra/C alculus	Chemistry	Statistics
Chemistry	188	Algebra	Calculus	Finite Math
Criminology	405	Algebra	Mathematics	Statistics
Dietetics	617	Algebra		Statistics
Economics	93	Algebra	Statistics	Trigonometry
Psychology	637	Algebra	Statistics	Mathematics

What happens to biology majors over time



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Discussion of Maps

- Are the degree requirements for all degrees clear?
- What are your challenges?
- Do the maps encourage students to earn 30 credits a year?
- Could someone outside of the institution understand the requirements?
- Are courses named in addition to any codes used by the institution?
- Does the map or pathway include an explanation on how to use the map?
- Are links to possible jobs for this major included?
- Are English and math in the first term?
- Are critical courses identified and explained?
- Are the General Education requirements explained and integrated into the maps?
- Do the maps allow a student to graduate in four years for a First Time in College student and two years for a transfer student?
- What is the faculty policy on course repeats?
- What is your pattern of excess hours?
- Do certain courses contribute disproportionately to excess hours and time?⁵³