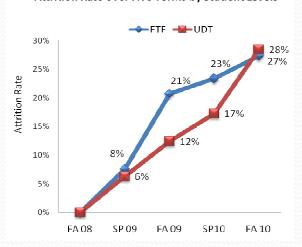


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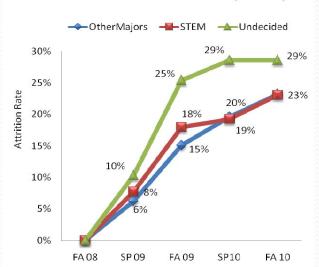
Undergraduate Attrition Rate of Fall 2008 Cohort

Attrition Rate over Five Terms by Student Levels



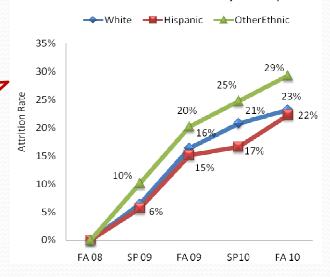
- 543 White, 265 Hispanic, and 198 other ethnic students
- In this cohort, the attrition rates of Hispanic students are lower (better) than White and other ethnic students.

Attrition Rate over Five Terms by Ethnicity



- 531 First Time Freshmen and 475 Upper Division Transfers
- FTF are more likely to leave in the third semester (after one year).
- •FTF and UDT attrition rates are almost the same after two years.
- CSU average FTF one-year attrition rate is 21% and two-year attrition rate is 32%.

Attrition Rate over Five Terms by Ethnicity



- 156 students declared a STEM major, 724 declared other majors, and 126 declared no major
- STEM majors are slightly more likely to leave after one year than other majors but equalize in semesters 4 and 5.
- •Students who do not declare a major when they first enroll show much higher attrition rates across all five terms.

^{*} Attrition Rate is calculated as students who neither graduated nor enrolled divided by the starting cohort.

^{**} STEM Majors include Biology, InformationTechnology, Chemistry, Computer Science, ES&RM, Math, Nursing, and Physics