

UNIV 101 Introduction to College Life

First-year, degree-seeking students are advised to take UNIV 101 Introduction to College Life. The goal of UNIV 101 is to help students improve their academic skills to make their college experience more enjoyable as well as more productive. Course objectives include: promoting a smooth transition to college life, developing the skills necessary to maximize academic performance, gaining an understanding of responsibilities as a student, better understanding the financial, social, and academic aspects of college, and exploring academic, co-curricular, and career options.

Strategic Goal

In August 2018, representatives from the Retention Committee met with President Darling to establish goals for strategic planning. One of the goals identified is to use UNIV 101 as an intervention strategy to increase the retention and graduation rates of first-year students. This aligns with goal three of the NDUS Edge Strategic Plan to equip student for success.

Outcome Measure

The outcomes identified to measure the success of this goal are to: (1) increase the percentage of first-year students who enroll in UNIV 101; (2) increase the fall-to-fall retention rate of students enrolled in UNIV 101; and (3) increase the 150% graduation rate of students enrolled in UNIV 101.

These intended results were chosen after reviewing the history of each outcome measure as shown in the tables below.

Percent of FYR Students Enrolled in UNIV 101

Outcome Measure	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
# of FYR students	230	207	223	211	212	193	199	201	194	193	172	167	179	211
# of FYR students who registered for UNIV 101	31	28	39	65	57	57	145	139	147	142	134	110	120	128
% of FYR students who registered for UNIV 101	13%	14%	17%	31%	27%	30%	73%	69%	76%	74%	78%	66%	67%	61%

Fall-to-Fall Retention of UNIV 101 Students

Outcome Measure	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Number of students in UNIV 101	42	43	49	82	77	81	208	207	188	200	185	146	152
Number retained fall to fall	18	20	19	41	43	45	106	121	126	132	124	97	94
Percent of UNIV 101 students retained fall to fall	43%	47%	39%	50%	56%	56%	51%	58%	67%	66%	67%	66%	62%

150% Graduation Rate of UNIV 101 Students

Outcome Measure	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of students in UNIV 101	42	43	49	82	77	81	208	207	188	200	185
Number who graduated within 150%	10	15	13	30	34	38	103	108	103	101	105
Percent of UNIV 101 students who graduated within 150%	24%	35%	27%	37%	44%	47%	50%	52%	55%	51%	57%

Assessment Measures

The Director of Academic affairs will track the first-year students enrolled in UNIV 101 and calculate the fall-to-fall retention rate and 150% graduation rate. This tracking will be completed every fall semester after official census data is available and after the history tape for summer graduates has been run.