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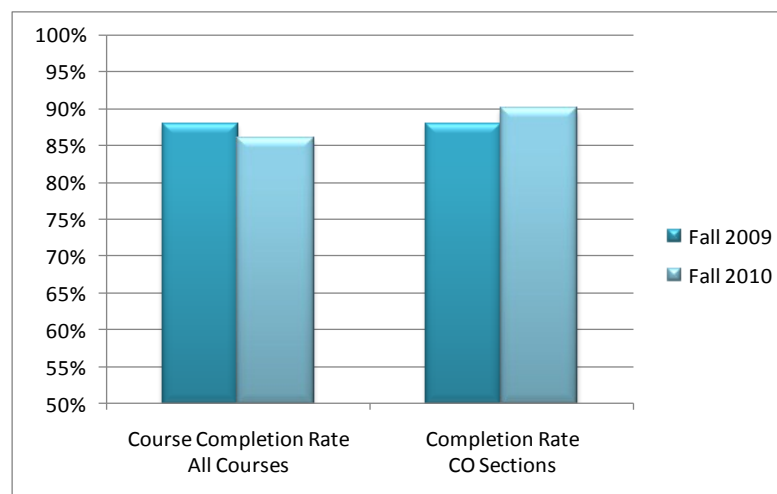


Continuous Orientation and Course Retention

For many years, Temple College has maintained a course completion rate of around 90%. Since Fall 2005, the college has seen a trend toward a decreasing course completion rate. The downward trend paralleled several developments; an increase in students attempting online course work, an overall rapid increase in enrollment, an increase in students identified as economically disadvantaged, and an increase in educationally disadvantaged students as measured through an increased enrollment in developmental courses.

A review of the data revealed that course completion rates improved in Fall 2008 and remained steady through Fall 2009 but returned to the 2007 level in Fall 2010. Perceiving that course completion is a precursor to retention and persistence, the college has identified course completion as a college priority with student support recognized as integral to the focus on course completion.

Student focus groups facilitated by top administrators revealed that students were not sufficiently aware of the support services provided by the college. In an effort to make students aware of services outside of one-day orientations and student handbooks, a strategy of continuous orientations was developed. The strategy was piloted in Fall 2010 and initial results appear promising.



What Is a Cohort? A cohort is a group of people studied during a period of time. The individuals in the group have at least one statistical factor in common. For the Continuous Orientation data, the cohort consisted of students who were enrolled in sections that participated in the activity. For Fall 2010, these students represented 5% of the student population.

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Zero Week—August 22-26, 2011

Get Involved—Schedule of Activities

Monday, August 22

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. New Student Orientation (Break out: Campus Tour, Fin Aid. Policy, Online Tools) - NSB (RM. 301)

Tuesday, August 23

8 a.m. - 9 a.m. CEC-New Student Orientation - Cameron Center (RM.11, 14, 15)
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. eLearning Orientation (ASC 810)
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Math Placement Tutorials (Students will register and attend Tues, Wednesday, and Thursday Tutorials, same times) - NSB (RM. 301)
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. CEC-New Student Orientation - Cameron Center (RM.11, 14, 15)
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Texas A&M University: Warrior Corp. (OCC)
11 a.m. - noon Student Life (OCC)
11 a.m. - noon New Music Majors Orientation (for approved incoming Music majors only) - PAC (RM 706)
1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Essential Computer Skills - WTC (RM 550&551)

Wednesday, August 24

8 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Taylor New Student Orientation - Taylor RM 103, 121
9 a.m. - noon New Student Orientation (Break out: Campus Tour, Fin Aid. Policy, Online Tools) - (NSB (RM. 301)
10 a.m. - noon Child Development and Education (Including Hands-On exercises) - ADM. RM 906
11 a.m. - noon Veterans Affairs - (OCC)
noon - 1 p.m.. International Students - (OCC)
1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Essential Computer Skills - WTC (RM 550&551)
6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. New Student Orientation - NSB (RM 301)
6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Taylor New Student Orientation - Taylor RM 103, 121
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. eLearning Orientation (ASC 811)

Thursday, August 25

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Taylor New Student Orientation - Taylor RM 103, 121
9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Criminal Justice Student Orientation (ISC)
Noon - 1 p.m. Leopard Survival - WTC (Training RM)
1 p.m. - 2 p.m. eLearning Orientation (WTC)
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. eLearning Orientation (TAYLOR)
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. eLearning Orientation (TAYLOR)

Friday, August 26

8:30 a.m. - noon Student Orientation including: Campus Parking, Online Tools, and Campus Tours - NSB (RM. 301)

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