

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCES COURSES: OVERVIEW
AH 101, BUSL 101, and FYE 101
2016-17 through 2019-20

I. ENROLLMENT

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Change from first year to 2019-20
AH 101	1,020	1,226	1,147	1,159	+14%
BUSL 101	-	787	871	873	+11%
FYE 101	483	777	801	781	+62%
College	25,568	24,443	23,134	22,166	-13%

- Enrollments increased overall for each course, in contrast to overall College enrollment.
- FYE 101 experiences a slight downturn in 2019-20 from the previous year.

II. FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE COURSE TAKING BEHAVIORS

Students Taking First Year Course Within 12 Credits

Academic Year	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
AH 101	392	27.2%	373	24.0%	345	23.1%	336	23.6%
BUSL 101	-	-	231	28.5%	215	28.5%	217	29.7%
FYE 101	265	15.9%	304	20.1%	347	25.6%	231	24.3%

- The percent of students taking a first-year course in their first 12 credits increased for BUSL 101 (+1 point) and FYE 101 (+8 points), but not for AH 101 (-3).
- For the most recent year, students enrolling in the course within their first 12 credits was less than 30% for each course.

Credit Distribution of Students Taking First Year Courses

Academic Year	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
AH 101	13.12	12	16.92	12	19.26	12	21.75	13
BUSL 101	-	-	15.67	12	19.24	13	19.86	13
FYE 101	13.27	12	15.1	12	17.72	12	15.79	12

- The mean number of credits students have when they enroll in their first-year course increased for each course, indicating each cohort of students waited longer to enroll in the course than the preceding cohort.

Credit Distribution of Students Taking First Year Courses After 12 Credits

Academic Year	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
AH 101	18.75	18	23.89	21.5	27.95	24	31.26	25
BUSL 101	-	-	23.39	21	27.99	24	28.95	24
FYE 101	19.83	18	23.5	22	26.8	24	28.06	24

III. COURSE PASS RATES

Academic Year	AH 101		BUSL 101		FYE 101	
	# Passed	Pass Rate	# Passed	Pass Rate	# Passed	Pass Rate
2016-17	805	77.4%	-	-	311	62.5%
2017-18	968	76.4%	554	69.4%	605	76.9%
2018-19	898	76.5 %	636	71.9%	627	76.7%
2019-20	928	78.6%	655	73.7%	611	76.8%

Note: For all course pass rate data, A, B, and C grades are considered passing grades.

- Course pass rates increased overall for AH 101 by 1 point and by 4 points for BUSL 101.
- The pass rate for FYE 101 initially increased from the first to the second year by over 14 points; it was steady for the remaining years.

IV. FALL-TO-SPRING PERSISTENCE

Cohort	All FTIC Students Fall-to-Spring Persistence Rate	AH 101		BUSL 101		FYE 101	
		# Persisted	Persistence Rate	# Persisted	Persistence Rate	# Persisted	Persistence Rate
Fall 2016 Cohort	73.7%	853	82.1%			408	81.9%
Fall 2017 Cohort	73.4%	1,032	81.7%	608	76.2%	650	82.6%
Fall 2018 Cohort	74.0%	945	80.5%	654	74.0%	686	84.0%
Fall 2019 Cohort	72.7%	943	79.2%	629	70.8%	646	81.2%

- In almost all instances, the fall-to-spring persistence rate was higher for students in a first-year course than the College FTIC average. The one exception was BUSL 101 for the Fall 2019 cohort.
- Changes for AH 101 (-3 points) and FYE 101 (<-1 point) were similar to that of the College (-1 point).
- The fall-to-spring persistence rate decreased by -5 points for BUSL 101.

V. FALL-TO-FALL RETENTION

Cohort	All FTIC Students Fall-to-Fall Retention Rate	AH 101		BUSL 101		FYE 101	
		# Retained	Retention Rate	# Retained	Retention Rate	# Retained	Retention Rate
Fall 2016 Cohort	49.1%	309	55.9%	-	-	187	62.1%
Fall 2017 Cohort	47.0%	352	53.8%	161	45.6%	234	52.5%
Fall 2018 Cohort	50.8%	326	58.1%	215	51.2%	250	56.6%
Fall 2019 Cohort	45.1%	309	57.5%	214	51.2%	217	49.3%

- The fall-to-fall retention rate increased for AH 101 (+ over 1 point) and for BUSL 101 (+ over 5 points).
- The fall-to-fall retention rate decreased by over 13 points for FYE 101.
- The retention rate for the Fall 2019 cohort was likely impacted by COVID-19.

VI. 200% GRADUATION RATE

	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018*	Fall 2019**
AH 101	25.5%	27.7%	21.9%	14.2%
BUSL 101	-	24.3%	25.5%	11.0%
FYE 101	25.1%	28.7%	14.0%	5.5%
College	14.6%	12.7%	9.1%	2.3%

* For the Fall 2018 cohort, 200% will be completed after August 2022.

** For the Fall 2019 cohort, 200% will be completed after August 2023.

- AH 101 and FYE 101 had finalized data for the first two cohorts. The 200% graduation rate increased for both AH 101 (+2 points) and FYE 101 (+3 points). In comparison, it decreased by 2 points for the College overall.
- The 200% graduation rate for the Fall 2017 cohort ranged from 24% for BUSL 101 to 29% for FYE 101. It was 13% for the College cohort.
- Preliminary data shows that students enrolled in the first-year courses have higher 200% graduation rates than the College cohorts.