

Probation/Suspension in the Careers of the Freshman Cohort Entering in Fall 1998

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The study looked at all new freshmen entering in fall 1998 (n = 4,266), currently the most recent entering class to have had 6 years to graduate. All information is through summer 2004, the end of their 6th year. Probation/suspension status was determined by SIS codes for Arts and Sciences students. Other colleges did not consistently use SIS codes for probation during the time period studied, so having a cumulative GPA of below 2.0 was used as a proxy for probation status for those colleges. All colleges used SIS codes for suspension throughout.

An earlier study looked at the [fall 1997 entering freshman cohort](#); overall, the findings below are very similar to those of the earlier study. One exception is in the number who enrolled in B2; in the earlier cohort, only about 22% of students suspended in the first year enrolled in B2 in at least one of the four terms following, while in the current cohort, 41% did.

- **How many students from this group were ever on probation? Suspended? Either? Both?**
 - Ever on probation only (not suspended) -- 12%
 - Ever suspended only (not on probation) -- 1%
 - Ever on probation AND suspended -- 11%
 - Ever on probation (total) -- 23%
 - Ever suspended (total) - 11%
 - Either or both -- 23%
 - Never either -- 77%
- **Did the percentages ever on probation/suspended differ by college**

Entry college	Ever on probation but never suspended	Ever suspended	Either or both
AS	12%	11%	23%
BU	9%	11%	21%
EN	15%	14%	30%
EV	7%	7%	14%
MB	5%	4%	9%
Overall	12%	11%	23%

- **Of students ever on probation/suspension, how many were on probation/suspension at the end of their first term? How many first went on probation/suspension in later terms?**
 - First term ended on probation for those ever on:
 - End of 1st term: 68% (end of first fall)
 - End of 2nd term: 13% (end of first spring)
 - End of 4th term: 8% (end of second fall)
 - End of 5th term: 3% (end of second spring)
 - Later: 7%
 - First relative term ended on suspension for those ever on:
 - End of 1st term: 5% (end of first fall)
 - End of 2nd term: 45% (end of first spring)
 - End of 4th term: 17% (end of second fall)

- End of 5th term: 13% (end of second spring)
 - End of 7th term: 6% (end of third fall)
 - Later: 14%
- **What percentage of students in the cohort graduated in 6 years? How did this differ for students on probation, suspension, or neither**
 - Overall 6-year graduation rate for all students in cohort -- 66%
 - If ever on probation but never suspended -- 43% graduated in 6 years
 - If ever suspended -- 25% graduated in 6 years
 - If ever either on probation or suspended-- 34% graduated in 6 years
 - If never either -- 77% graduated in 6 years
 - If first term GPA < 1.0: 17% graduated in 6 years
 - So students on probation, even if suspended, do graduate, but their 6-year graduation rate rate was less than half that of students never put on probation or suspension
- **Did the 6-year grad rates for students ever on probation/suspended differ by college?**

Entry college	Ever on probation but never suspended	Ever suspended	Overall grad rate
AS	45%	24%	65%
BU	45%	42%	74%
EN	39%	14%	66%
EV	14%	24%	58%
MB	0%	50%	67%
Overall	43%	25%	66%

- **How many students on probation/suspension returned to good academic standing (whether or not they graduated)?**
 - Of students ever suspended
 - 25% graduated
 - 27% did not graduate but left in good standing
 - 49% did not return to good standing
 - Of students ever on probation but never suspended
 - 43% graduated
 - 32% did not graduate but left in good standing
 - 25% did not return to good standing
- **For those who graduated, how did probation/suspension relate to time to graduation?**
 - Mean elapsed terms to graduation for grads (not necessarily enrolled terms):
 - Ever on probation but never suspended: 12.9 (end of fifth fall)
 - Ever suspended: 14.1 (Fifth spring-fifth summer)
 - Never either: 12.1 (Fourth spring)
- **How did being on probation/suspension at the end of the first term relate to retention rate to 2nd fall?**
 - Percent returning 2nd fall if on probation/suspension at end of 1st term:
 - On suspension: 0%
 - On probation: 47% enrolled the second fall
 - Not prob/susp but GPA < 2.5: 83%
 - GPA >= 2.5: 89%

- **How many suspended students went to B2?**
 - Of 244 students on suspension at the end of the first fall or spring (spring '99):
 - 67 in B2 following fall (fall 99)
 - 49 in B2 spring 00
 - 35 in B2 fall 00
 - 30 in B2 spring 01
 - Total 101 (41%) in B2 during at least one of four terms after spring 99
- **How did probation/suspension relate to academic qualification at entry (i.e., PGPA, the predicted CU GPA, based on HS GPA and test scores)?:**
 - Mean universal PGPA
 - Ever on probation only: 2.71
 - Ever on suspension: 2.67
 - Never either: 2.88
 - Percent ever on probation/suspension by universal PGPA group:
 - Low-2.59: 39%
 - 2.60-2.79: 26%
 - 2.80-3.09: 21%
 - 3.10-High: 6%