

Academic Plan - Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Improve Retention and Graduation Rates - 2008 Update

A reporting of IUPUI's retention initiatives, many centered in the schools, is available for 2007 at <http://uc.iupui.edu/uploadedFiles/Assessment/retentioninitiatives2007FINAL.pdf>

IUPUI's six-year graduation rate for the 2001 entering freshman cohort was 31.5%. While there has been very substantial improvement over the past 10 years, much remains to be done in order to reach the average national rate which is near 50%. The steps we are taking are beginning to show results. The six-year graduation rate for the 2002 entering freshman cohort is expected to exceed 32%. Also, for the first time, the fall to spring semester retention rate reached a new high value of 87.4%, and the freshman to sophomore retention rate in 2008 shows strong indications of substantially exceeding its previous high value of 67%. The retention trends are all good, but this improvement needs to be sustained over many coming years!