

Tracking Undergraduate Navitas Students at UMass Boston, Spring 2017

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The Office of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Planning (OIRAP) has been working with Kristof Zaba, the Executive Director of Navitas at UMass Boston, to provide tracking of student success for undergraduate Navitas students. The tracking can be complicated because Navitas students are admitted in both spring and fall and because, although the majority of the students are classified as freshmen, some Navitas students are transfers by UMass Boston standards. They also may be classified as either full or part-time. Navitas has requested tracking on a semester by semester basis, thereby tracking multiple cohorts through multiple semesters. This report provides a comparison of the progress of Navitas students, non-Navitas International students, and all other freshmen entering with the cohort.

The Navitas students listed include transfers, full-time, and part-time freshmen. Therefore, the retention rates will not match those reported for the official cohort. Appendix A provides a breakdown for each cohort, including retention rate, mean grade point average, mean for returning credits earned, and mean for credit load (Tables A-1 through A-11). While there are no distinct trends among the retention rates depicted in these tables, other measures of student success show some differences among student types.

Grade Point Average

During the Spring 2017 semester, cumulative grade point averages for returning Navitas students (N = 445, M = 2.94) were not significantly different (at alpha < .05) than both returning non-Navitas international students (N = 851, M = 2.95) and other returning domestic students (N = 9,134, M = 2.98).

Credit Accumulation

During the Spring 2017 semester, all Navitas students (N = 490, M = 14.1) maintained a higher credit load when compared with non-Navitas students, either international (N = 919, M = 13.4) or domestic (N = 9832, M = 12.1).

Gender

While more than 50 percent of the UMB student body are made up of female students, international students consist primarily of male students, with only 34.5% of Navitas students and 39.9% of non-Navitas international students identified as female during the Spring 2017 semester.

National Origin

The 490 Navitas students hailed from 47 different countries. The 919 non-Navitas international students hailed from 77 different countries. The top five countries that the respective student types consider their national origin are depicted in Table 1. Since 2011, the proportion of Navitas that have hailed from China has increased. From Fall 2011 to Spring 2016, 12.5% of Navitas students that started were from China, while 44.4% of Navitas students that started in Spring 2017 were from China.

Table 1

Navitas		Non-Navitas			
(<i>N</i> =490)		(<i>N</i> = 919)			
China	31.8%	China	54.1%		
India	12.4%	Korea, Republic of	4.2%		
Korea, Republic of	8.0%	Saudi Arabia	4.0%		
Indonesia	5.9%	India	3.5%		
Vietnam	5.7%	Vietnam	2.7%		

National Origin between International Student Types Enrolled in Spring 2017 Semester

Primary Major Area of Study

Table 2 depicts the primary major areas of study for the two groups of international students. There is a lot of overlap among the two groups in terms of majors. Management is the most subscribed program among international students, with computer science, economics, and biology as distant runner ups.

Table 2

Primary Major Area of Study between International Student Types for Spring 2017

Navitas (<i>N</i> =490)		Non-Navitas (<i>N</i> = 919)				
Management	63.7%	Management	36.5%			
Economics	5.9%	Economics	14.3%			
Undeclared	5.5%	Biology/BioChem	9.0%			
Computer Science	4.7%	Undeclared	7.0%			
Info Technology	3.7%	Computer Science	4.9%			
Biology/BioChem	1.8%	Info Technology	3.0%			

		Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Measure	Student Type	2012	2012	2013	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015*	2016*	2016*	2017*
Continued	Navitas ($n = 43$)	34	34	32	30	26	22	19	8	3	0	2
	Non-Navt Int'l (<i>n</i> = 135)	128	111	97	87	83	71	63	26	13	5	4
	All Others (<i>n</i> = 1122)	1031	876	782	704	673	657	623	399	294	137	100
Percent	Navitas	79.1	79.1	74.4	69.8	60.5	51.2	44.2	20.9	7.0	0.0	4.6
Continued (%)	Non-Navt Int'l	94.8	82.2	71.9	64.4	61.5	52.6	46.7	19.3	9.6	3.7	3.0
	All Others	91.9	78.1	69.7	62.8	60.0	58.6	55.5	35.6	26.2	12.2	8.9
Returning GPA	Navitas	2.79	2.94	2.98	2.89	2.99	2.96	3.02	2.84	2.82	na	2.82
	Non-Navt Int'l	2.55	2.92	3.07	3.13	3.13	3.10	3.10	2.94	2.69	2.64	2.90
	All Others	2.83	2.85	2.96	2.98	3.00	3.02	3.05	2.89	2.86	2.72	2.62
Returning Total	Navitas	13.5	36.9	50.6	65.8	81.0	93.7	106.1	109.1	119.0	na	14.0
Credits	Non-Navt Int'l	9.7	22.7	35.4	55.0	68.5	84.6	95.2	104.7	104.6	107.8	119.8
	All Others	13.3	26.5	39.9	53.1	65.6	78.6	92.1	95.6	101.2	97.4	98.8
Credits Taken	Navitas	15.4	13.9	14.0	14.2	14.6	14.5	13.0	12.1	12.7	na	90.5
	Non-Navt Int'l	12.5	14.1	15.2	15.1	14.8	14.1	13.2	12.2	9.1	11.2	13.0
	All Others	14.3	14.0	13.7	13.5	13.4	13.5	13.0	12.1	11.4	10.5	9.2

Mean Performance Measures for Retention across Student Types for Fall 2011 Cohort (N = 1300)

Note. * Fall 2015 through Spring 2017 do not include students that graduated by those semesters.

		Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Measure	Student Type	2012	2013	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015*	2016*	2016*	2017*
Continued	Navitas ($n = 13$)	9	10	10	9	9	8	6	4	1	1
	Non-Navt Int'l (n = 121)	105	99	86	79	76	75	46	33	13	7
	All Others ($n = 57$)	40	32	25	23	18	19	19	14	10	9
Percent Continued (%)	Navitas	69.2	76.9	76.9	69.2	69.2	61.5	46.2	30.7	7.7	7.7
	Non-Navt Int'l	86.8	81.8	71.1	65.3	62.8	62.0	38.0	27.3	10.7	5.8
	All Others	70.2	56.1	43.9	40.4	31.6	33.3	33.3	24.6	17.5	15.8
Returning GPA	Navitas	3.28	2.95	2.67	2.95	3.03	3.11	2.95	2.99	3.34	3.10
	Non-Navt Int'l	2.01	2.73	2.90	3.03	3.11	3.13	3.00	2.85	2.80	2.80
	All Others	3.06	3.08	3.23	3.18	3.16	3.28	2.91	3.23	3.18	3.22
Returning Total Credits	Navitas	27.6	37.0	47.2	59.0	71.8	86.8	92.7	102.5	67.0	82.0
	Non-Navt Int'l	6.3	16.9	33.3	46.6	67.8	82.2	92.0	96.2	99.6	100.4
	All Others	12.4	23.8	36.1	47.7	63.1	72.3	68.6	92.1	92.7	91.4
Credits Taken	Navitas	12.8	12.8	13.2	13.0	13.1	12.8	13.5	11.3	15.0	15.0
	Non-Navt Int'l	12.6	14.6	14.9	15.2	15.2	14.8	13.4	11.5	12.4	12.6
	All Others	13.3	12.9	12.2	11.6	12.8	12.7	12.0	12.6	10.2	12.2

Mean Performance Measures for Retention across Student Types for Spring 2012 Cohort (N = 191)

Note. * Fall 2015 through Spring 2017 do not include students that graduated by those semesters.

		Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Measure	Student Type	2013	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016*	2016*	2017*
Continued	Navitas (n = 78)	76	69	57	47	46	45	37	18	11
	Non-Navt Int'l (<i>n</i> = 144)	132	126	114	96	90	82	71	35	19
	All Others (<i>n</i> = 1047)	957	784	700	633	604	582	547	305	222
Percent Continued (%)	Navitas	97.4	88.5	73.1	60.3	59.0	57.7	47.4	23.1	14.1
	Non-Navt Int'l	91.7	85.7	77.6	65.3	61.2	56.9	49.3	24.3	13.2
	All Others	91.4	75.0	67.0	60.6	57.9	55.6	52.2	29.1	21.2
Returning GPA	Navitas	2.78	2.97	2.93	3.02	3.06	3.04	3.07	2.93	2.62
	Non-Navt Int'l	2.56	2.75	2.88	2.97	3.00	2.98	3.02	2.94	2.90
	All Others	2.89	2.90	3.00	3.00	3.02	3.06	3.07	2.87	2.80
Returning Total Credits	Navitas	11.2	29.1	40.5	57.7	71.4	86.2	99.6	105.7	96.3
	Non-Navt Int'l	9.5	22.2	34.8	52.9	67.2	79.7	94.7	101.8	107.5
	All Others	13.7	27.2	41.0	54.5	67.3	81.6	95.0	96.1	101.5
Credits Taken	Navitas	15.7	13.7	14.0	14.3	14.3	14.3	13.5	9.8	13.5
	Non-Navt Int'l	12.8	15.5	14.3	14.6	14.5	14.8	14.1	11.8	11.4
	All Others	14.6	14.1	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.5	11.9	11.7

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		Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Measure	Student Type	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017*
Continued	Navitas ($n = 37$)	31	30	26	18	17	16	12	6
	Non-Navt Int'l (<i>n</i> = 98)	91	83	77	75	72	67	49	36
	All Others ($n = 61$)	43	37	33	30	30	27	22	18
Percent Continued (%)	Navitas	83.8	81.1	70.3	48.6	45.9	43.2	32.4	16.2
	Non-Navt Int'l	92.9	84.7	78.6	76.5	73.5	68.4	50.0	36.7
	All Others	70.5	60.7	54.1	49.2	49.2	44.3	36.1	29.5
Returning GPA	Navitas	2.98	2.93	3.03	3.07	3.10	3.10	3.12	3.00
	Non-Navt Int'l	2.25	2.80	2.98	2.95	2.96	2.98	2.98	2.95
	All Others	2.78	2.91	3.03	2.99	2.99	2.93	3.02	3.03
Returning Total Credits	Navitas	18.3	27.8	42.7	58.6	76.2	89.0	103.8	113.2
	Non-Navt Int'l	7.2	17.4	32.5	45.7	65.4	79.1	91.8	98.9
	All Others	12.9	24.8	37.6	48.9	62.4	74.2	84.5	91.9
Credits Taken	Navitas	14.6	13.5	13.4	13.7	14.8	14.7	13.1	14.2
	Non-Navt Int'l	12.2	13.5	14.3	14.9	14.5	14.5	13.7	12.9
	All Others	12.5	12.3	12.1	12.5	12.2	13.4	12.6	12.3

Mean Performance Measures for Retention across Student Types for Spring 2013 Cohort (N = 196)

Note. * Spring 2017 does not include students that graduated by that semester.

		Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Measure	Student Type	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017
Continued	Navitas (<i>n</i> = 101)	95	80	64	56	48	42	44
	Non-Navt Int'l (<i>n</i> = 142)	124	111	92	78	75	71	62
	All Others (<i>n</i> = 1171)	1049	916	817	762	723	705	677
Percent Continued (%)	Navitas	94.1	79.2	63.4	55.4	47.5	41.6	31.0
	Non-Navt Int'l	87.3	78.2	64.8	54.9	52.8	50.0	61.4
	All Others	89.6	78.2	69.8	65.1	61.7	60.2	57.8
Returning GPA	Navitas	2.78	2.77	2.91	2.83	3.02	3.02	2.95
	Non-Navt Int'l	2.48	2.72	2.84	2.92	2.97	2.98	2.99
	All Others	2.84	2.88	2.98	2.99	3.01	3.02	3.05
Returning Total Credits	Navitas	8.9	25.3	38.1	52.2	69.0	84.6	92.4
	Non-Navt Int'l	9.3	22.5	35.7	51.5	64.7	82.4	94.9
	All Others	13.6	26.9	40.0	52.9	65.5	78.5	91.3
Credits Taken	Navitas	14.7	13.9	14.4	14.4	14.5	13.7	13.4
	Non-Navt Int'l	13.5	13.8	14.7	14.1	14.1	14.4	13.6
	All Others	14.4	13.9	13.8	13.6	13.5	13.6	13.2

Mean Performance Measures for Retention across Student Types for Fall 2013 Cohort (N = 1414)

		Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Measure	Student Type	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017
Continued	Navitas ($n = 47$)	43	33	27	24	20	21
	Non-Navt Int'l (<i>n</i> = 116)	101	97	76	75	68	62
	All Others ($n = 40$)	32	26	19	16	16	14
Percent Continued (%)	Navitas	91.5	70.2	57.4	51.1	42.6	44.7
	Non-Navt Int'l	74.4	83.6	65.5	64.7	58.6	53.4
	All Others	80.0	65.0	47.5	40.0	40.0	35.0
Returning GPA	Navitas	2.70	2.73	2.97	2.93	2.84	2.91
	Non-Navt Int'l	2.73	2.57	2.91	2.93	3.03	3.00
	All Others	2.88	3.04	3.04	2.96	3.40	3.30
Returning Total Credits	Navitas	19.5	27.5	45.0	59.6	74.5	84.8
	Non-Navt Int'l	7.8	18.2	34.2	45.9	67.7	80.4
	All Others	14.8	25.3	35.6	46.8	58.4	71.4
Credits Taken	Navitas	13.4	13.4	14.0	14.7	14.4	12.4
	Non-Navt Int'l	12.5	13.1	14.0	14.1	15.1	14.6
	All Others	13.1	12.7	12.3	11.4	13.0	12.9

Mean Performance Measures for Retention across Student Types for Spring 2014 Cohort (N = 203)

		Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Measure	Student Type	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017
Continued	Navitas ($n = 143$)	132	111	102	85	79
	Non-Navt Int'l ($n = 177$)	153	127	108	99	86
	All Others (<i>n</i> = 1221)	1110	948	839	774	742
Percent Continued (%)	Navitas	92.3	77.6	71.3	59.4	55.2
	Non-Navt Int'l	86.4	71.8	61.0	55.9	48.6
	All Others	90.6	77.6	68.7	63.4	60.8
Returning GPA	Navitas	2.76	2.89	2.90	2.88	2.91
	Non-Navt Int'l	2.55	2.73	2.94	2.96	3.00
	All Others	2.87	2.89	3.03	3.03	3.05
Returning Total Credits	Navitas	10.0	28.1	39.7	55.5	68.5
	Non-Navt Int'l	11.6	24.7	38.2	53.9	68.4
	All Others	14.4	27.8	41.3	54.7	67.1
Credits Taken	Navitas		14.1	14.1	13.8	14.1
	Non-Navt Int'l		13.9	14.3	13.9	14.2
	All Others		14.1	14.0	13.6	13.4

Mean Performance Measures for Retention across Student Types for Fall 2014 Cohort (N = 1541)

		Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Measure	Student Type	2015	2016	2016	2017
Continued	Navitas ($n = 11$)	9	9	6	6
	Non-Navt Int'l (<i>n</i> = 137)	124	114	88	81
	All Others ($n = 32$)	25	25	16	15
Percent Continued (%)	Navitas	81.8	81.8	54.5	54.5
	Non-Navt Int'l	90.5	83.2	64.2	59.1
	All Others	78.1	78.1	50.0	46.9
Returning GPA	Navitas	2.74	2.60	3.11	3.08
	Non-Navt Int'l	2.69	2.76	2.98	3.02
	All Others	2.74	2.90	3.12	3.18
Returning Total Credits	Navitas	15.7	26.0	44.2	58.7
	Non-Navt Int'l	14.1	24.3	41.2	54.8
	All Others	13.6	25.2	40.2	51.7
Credits Taken	Navitas	15.7	15.0	14.5	13.8
	Non-Navt Int'l	14.0	14.6	14.4	14.5
	All Others	13.1	11.8	14.1	12.9

Mean Performance Measures for Retention across Student Types for Spring 2015 Cohort (N = 180)

Mean Performance	Measures for Reter	ntion across Student	Types for Fall 201	5 Cohort (N = 1633)

		Spring	Fall	Spring
Measure	Student Type	2016	2016	2017
Continued	Navitas (n = 145)	136	113	99
	Non-Navt Int'l ($n = 193$)	163	135	113
	All Others (<i>n</i> = 1295)	1181	1023	901
Percent Continued (%)	Navitas	93.8	77.9	68.3
	Non-Navt Int'l	84.5	69.9	58.5
	All Others	91.2	79.0	69.6
Returning GPA	Navitas	2.89	3.04	2.99
	Non-Navt Int'l	2.49	2.73	2.91
	All Others	2.86	2.90	3.03
Returning Total Credits	Navitas	11.0	28.2	39.2
	Non-Navt Int'l	11.0	24.1	38.3
	All Others	14.4	27.7	41.3
Credits Taken	Navitas	14.8	14.1	13.6
	Non-Navt Int'l	13.0	14.0	14.5
	All Others	14.7	14.1	14.0

Mean Performance Measures for Retention across Student Types for Spring 2016 Cohort (N = 149)

		Fall	Spring
Measure	Student Type	2016	2017
Continued	Navitas ($n = 62$)	48	46
	Non-Navt Int'l ($n = 61$)	46	44
	All Others ($n = 26$)	21	18
Percent Continued (%)	Navitas	77.4	74.2
	Non-Navt Int'l	75.4	72.1
	All Others	80.8	69.2
Returning GPA	Navitas	2.79	2.96
	Non-Navt Int'l	2.79	2.95
	All Others	2.99	3.05
Returning Total Credits	Navitas	15.7	24.4
	Non-Navt Int'l	9.7	20.6
	All Others	15.4	26.7
Credits Taken	Navitas	13.9	13.3
	Non-Navt Int'l	13.3	14.6
	All Others	13.3	13.8

Mean Performance Measures for Retention across Student Types for Fall 2016 Cohort (N = 1497)

		Spring
Measure	Student Type	2017
Continued	Navitas ($n = 148$)	130
	Non-Navt Int'l (<i>n</i> = 135)	124
	All Others (<i>n</i> = 1389)	1243
Percent Continued (%)	Navitas	87.8
	Non-Navt Int'l	91.9
	All Others	89.5
Returning GPA	Navitas	2.96
	Non-Navt Int'l	2.82
	All Others	2.91
Returning Total Credits	Navitas	11.7
	Non-Navt Int'l	11.6
	All Others	14.9
Credits Taken	Navitas	16.0
	Non-Navt Int'l	13.2
	All Others	14.6