

Institutional Research

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About

Institutional Research

Our central mission is the collection, organization and analysis of institutional and other data to support institutional management, operations, decision-making and planning functions.

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Personnel changes in OIR

We are pleased to announce a change in one staff member's status in OIR. Beginning this fall, [Charles Mathies](#) has moved from being the OIR graduate assistant to a full-time IR Analyst. Charlie is a doctoral student in the Institute of Higher Education. His skills in international higher education, national databases, and educational research methodology will help us continue to strengthen our analytic reports and presentations.



Charles Mathies is a new analyst in the IR office.

We would also like to announce that beginning December 1, 2006, [Karen Bauer](#) will serve as interim associate provost for [Institutional Effectiveness](#) and [Denise Gardner](#) will serve as interim director of [Institutional Research](#). Karen and Denise will continue to work closely, as will the entire OIE team. Please feel free to contact Karen or Denise if you have questions or comments.

Fact Book 2006

The 2006 [Fact Book](#) is currently being prepared and we hope to have it released in December. While many OIR staff contribute, a special thanks goes to [Marsha Allen](#), [Debbie Holliday](#) and [Don Snell](#) for their work on the Fact Book.

Fall IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System)

Each fall and spring term, OIR (with the aid of other colleagues across campus) produces several reports that are submitted to the Department of Education. This data has a number of uses and is referred to by our campus officials (especially for peer comparisons) as well as legislators, parents, and colleagues at other institutions. Fall IPEDS reports included completions data (degrees awarded) and Institutional Characteristics.

UGA Fall 2006 Enrollments

Level	Headcount
Undergraduate	24,885
Graduate	6,323
Professional	<u>1,604</u>
Total Athens Enrollment	32,812
UGA Gwinnett campus	846
UGA Tifton campus	51
UGA Griffin campus	47
Independent Study	<u>203</u>
Total Off-Campus Enrollment	1,147
Grand Total	33,959

Source: UGA Registrar's Office

Strengthening FACTS

OIR staff members [Andy Furlow](#), [Mingguang Xu](#), and [Stewart Harrison](#) have continued behind-the-scenes efforts to further strengthen the infrastructure of our data repository. Subsequently, this helps us improve our campus reporting tool, FACTS (*Facilitated Access to Campus Trends and Statistics*). Additional tables have also been added, so please take a moment to browse FACTS at: <https://facts.oir.uga.edu/facts/index/cfm>.

Unit Profiles

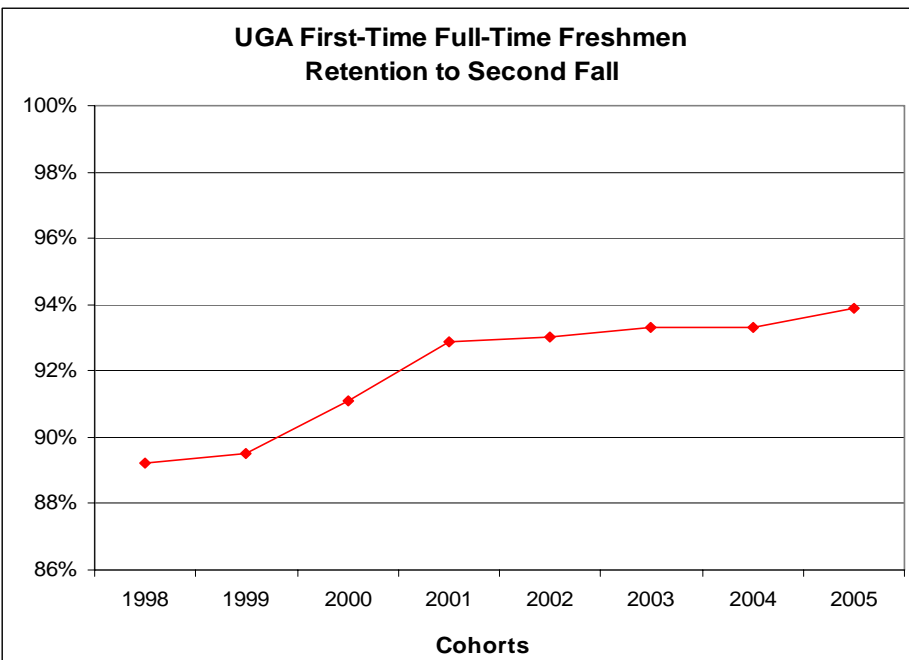
Our newest web application, Unit Profiles, is currently in progress. Where FACTS provides user-designed, customized, query-driven reports, the [Unit Profiles](#) information is designed to provide the user with five-year trend data by school/college or academic unit. Several OIR staff members assist in this project, but [Julius Gantt](#) is our primary staff member working on Unit Profiles. Thanks to Julius, we are working hard to get it completed and will soon update the link on our [OIR home page](#) for easy access.

OIR studies and presentations

OIR staff have made several presentations on campus and at conferences this fall with more exciting studies currently under way. View our student retention studies or some of our Oracle presentations online such as

- “Retention and Graduation: An Examination of Students Who Earn Academic Probation”
- “Oracle Analytic Functions for IR Analysis and Reporting”
- “IR Fact Book Design: Issues to Consider”

Visit: <http://www.uga.edu/oir/oirpubs.html>



The percentage of UGA first-time full-time freshmen returning for their second year has risen from 89.2% for the 1998 cohort to 93.9% for the most recent freshmen class.

The importance of timely and accurate data

Because OIR is charged with the responsibility of providing accurate, up-to-date information to senior officials as well as the University System office, it is important that we have the most accurate data possible. In some cases, University funding or data projections are based on the information we provide, thus it is absolutely critical that we have complete information and on a specific schedule. OIR works closely with other units on campus such as the Registrar’s Office, Faculty Affairs, Admissions, and Human Resources to ensure accuracy of data, and we appreciate the efforts of sectioning officers and others across campus who submit information in a timely and accurate way.



The role of the Office of Institutional Research

OIR is a decision-support unit. What does that mean? An important mission of the Office of Institutional Research is to provide timely information to campus officials so they can make well-informed decisions. We provide information through a variety of publications and reports, as well as web-based interactive systems. OIR staff members are emphasizing a renewed collaboration with others on campus. Let us know how we can help you.