

Research Brief:

Why Did They Leave? A Six Semester Analysis of Reasons Students Withdraw from ISU by Class Year

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Year	Type of Withdrawal	Fall 2010	Spring 2011	Fall 2011	Spring 2012	Fall 2012	Spring 2013 ¹	Total Fall	Total Spring	Total by ROWS
Freshmen	Academically Dismissed	34	91	55	43	73	70	162	204	366
	Transfer to another school	58	20	81	29	116	42	255	91	346
	Other	97	37	40	12	76	27	213	76	289
	Financial Difficulty	62	12	62	13	77	14	201	39	240
	Personal	77	30	68	28	1	0	146	58	204
	Never Attended	31	7	48	5	63	9	142	21	163
	Health	22	20	28	16	22	7	72	43	115
	Withdrwn by Univ	3	0	30	18	50	8	83	26	109
	Academic Difficulty	10	7	11	7	12	9	33	23	56
	Employment	9	3	11	3	9	6	29	12	41
	Course Availability	3	1	2	2	2	2	7	5	12
	Military (with orders)	5	0	3	1	3	0	11	1	12
	Deceased	2	1	1	0	1	0	4	1	5
	Prsnl/Trnsfr/Mrriage	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2
	Off-Campus	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Total Freshmen Withdrawn		414	229	441	177	506	194	1361	600	1961

¹Data was pulled on April 8th during the spring 2013 semester. All references to spring 2013 are not final numbers.

Excluding students who were academically dismissed, transfer to another school was the top reason why freshmen students withdrew from ISU (346 students have left for this reason since fall 2010). Within this group, 74% (255) left in the fall and 26% (91) left in the spring. The 2012-2013 academic year had the highest number of students (158) leaving the institution for this reason over the three year period, although this cohort was also one of the largest of the three years with 2,664 entering students. The 2011-2012 academic year was the second highest with 110 student (2,521 entering students in 2011) and the 2010-2011 academic year had 78 students withdraw for this reason (2,707 entering students in 2010).

The second highest reason for withdrawal is recorded as “other” (289 students left under this withdrawal type). Within the group who indicated “other” as reason for leaving, 74% (213) left in the fall and 26% (76) left in the spring. The 2010-2011 academic year had the highest number of students (134) leaving the institution for this reason. The 2012-2013 academic year was the second highest with 103 students, and the 2011-2012 year had only 52 students withdraw for this reason.

The third highest reason why freshmen withdrew from the institution was financial difficulty (240 students left since fall 2010). Within the group who left for financial reasons, 84% (201) left in the fall and 16% (39) left in the spring. The 2012-2013 academic year had the highest number of students (91) leaving for this reason. The 2011-2012 and 2010-2011 academic years had a similar number of students who withdrew for this reason at 74 and 75 students in those years respectively.

Year	Type of Withdrawal	Fall 2010	Spring 2011	Fall 2011	Spring 2012	Fall 2012	Spring 2013	Total Fall	Total Spring	Total by ROWS
Sophomores	Transfer to another school	46	3	39	14	45	21	130	38	168
	Other	38	31	10	4	25	18	73	53	126
	Academically Dismissed	23	18	19	18	24	19	66	55	121
	Financial Difficulty	17	5	21	6	20	0	58	11	69
	Health	7	8	13	18	5	7	25	33	58
	Personal	12	15	18	7	1	0	31	22	53
	Never Attended	4	4	14	8	10	3	28	15	43
	Employment	10	5	6	2	4	2	20	9	29
	Academic Difficulty	1	3	6	2	7	2	14	7	21
	Military (with orders)	3	1	2	1	1	0	6	2	8
	Withdrwn by Univ	2	0	3	0	1	0	6	0	6
	Course Availability	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	4
	Deceased	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Total Sophomores Withdrawn		165	93	151	82	144	72	460	247	707

Transfer to another school on average is the top reason why sophomore students withdrew from ISU (168 students left since fall 2010). Within the group who transferred to another institution, 77% (130) left in the fall and 23% (38) left in the spring. The 2012-2013 academic year had the highest number of students (66) leaving the institution for this reason in a three year period (there were 1,885 students entered fall 2012 as sophomores). The 2011-2012 academic year was the second highest with 53 students (in fall 2011 there were 1,657 sophomores), and the 2010-2011 academic year had 49 students withdraw for this reason (1,708 sophomores in fall 2010).

The second highest reason is recorded as “other” (126 students left under this withdrawal type). Within the group who indicated “other” as reason for leaving, 57% (73) left in the fall and 42% (53) left in the spring. The 2010-2011 academic year had the highest number of students (69) leaving the institution for this reason. The 2012-2013 academic year was the second highest with 43 students and the 2011-2012 year had 14 students withdraw for this reason.

If you exclude academic dismissals, the third highest reason why sophomores withdrew from the institution was financial difficulty (69 students left since fall 2010). Within the group who left for financial reasons, 84% (58) left in the fall and 16% (11) left in the spring. The 2011-2012 academic year had the highest number of students (27) leaving for this reason. The 2010-2011 and 2012-2013 academic years have similar amount of students who withdrew for this reason at 22 and 20 students in those years respectively.

Year	Type of Withdrawal	Fall 2010	Spring 2011	Fall 2011	Spring 2012	Fall 2012	Spring 2013	Total Fall	Total Spring	Total by ROWS
Juniors	Other	12	7	8	8	31	16	51	31	82
	Personal	29	15	16	12	1	0	46	27	73
	Financial Difficulty	14	7	13	6	22	8	49	21	70
	Transfer to another school	12	5	12	4	18	10	42	19	61
	Academically Dismissed	10	4	15	8	16	6	41	18	59
	Health	14	13	8	8	6	6	28	27	55
	Employment	7	8	9	6	15	9	31	23	54
	Never Attended	6	2	12	3	15	2	33	7	40
	Academic Difficulty	3	1	4	3	4	7	11	11	22
	Course Availability	0	0	1	0	3	1	4	1	5
	Military (with orders)	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	4
	Withdrwn by Univ	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	2	4
	Attended Elsewhere	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Prsnl/Trnsfr/Mrriage	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Total Juniors Withdrawn		108	62	102	60	131	68	341	190	531

Type of withdrawal as “other” on average is the top reason why juniors withdrew from ISU (82 students left since fall 2010). Within the group who withdrew for “other” reasons, 62% (51) left in the fall and 38% (31) left in the spring. The 2012-2013 academic year had the highest number of students (47) leaving the institution for this reason in the three year period (1,713 juniors in fall 2012). The 2010-2011 academic year

was the second highest with 19 students (1,577 juniors in fall 2010) and the 2011-2012 academic year had 16 students withdraw for this reason (1, 592 juniors in fall 2011).

The second highest reason is recorded as “personal” (73 students left under this withdrawal type). Within the group who indicated “personal” as reason for leaving, 63% (46) left in the fall and 37% (27) left in the spring. The 2010-2011 academic year had the highest number of students (44) leaving the institution for this reason. The 2011-2012 academic year was the second highest with 28 students, and the 2012-2013 year had only 1 student withdraw for this reason.

The third highest reason why juniors withdrew from the institution was financial difficulty (61 students left since fall 2010). Within the group who left for financial reasons, 70% (49) left in the fall and 30% (21) left in the spring. The 2012-2013 academic year had the highest number of students (30) leaving for this reason. The 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 academic years had 21 and 19 students who withdrew in those years.

Year	Type of Withdrawal	Fall 2010	Spring 2011	Fall 2011	Spring 2012	Fall 2012	Spring 2013	Total Fall	Total Spring	Total by ROWS
Seniors	Other	20	11	27	14	42	19	89	44	133
	Financial Difficulty	20	4	30	12	33	10	83	26	109
	Personal	31	23	30	18	0	0	61	41	102
	Employment	19	11	14	9	16	13	49	33	82
	Health	17	23	13	10	7	8	37	41	78
	Never Attended	5	8	12	7	20	4	37	19	56
	Transfer to another school	10	3	10	4	17	4	37	11	48
	Course Availability	7	2	2	2	5	4	14	8	22
	Academic Difficulty	2	3	0	4	8	4	10	11	21
	Academically Dismissed	2	3	7	3	2	4	11	10	21
	Military (with orders)	1	0	1	0	1	3	3	3	6
	Withdrwn by Univ	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	3
	Deceased	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2
	Prsnl/Trnsfr/Mrriage	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total Seniors Withdrawn		135	91	146	86	153	73	434	250	684

Type of withdrawal as “other” on average is the top reason why seniors withdrew from ISU (133 students left since fall 2010). Within the group who withdrew for “other” reasons, 67% (89) left in the fall and 33% (44) left in the spring. The 2012-2013 academic year had the highest

number of students (61) leaving the institution for this reason in a three year period(875 First-time seniors in fall 2012). The 2011-2010 academic year was the second highest with 41 students (2,288 seniors in fall 2011), and the 2010-2011 academic year had 31 students withdraw for this reason (2,182 seniors in fall 2010).

The second highest reason why seniors withdrew from the institution was financial difficulty (109 students left since fall 2010). Within the group who left for financial reasons, 76% (83) left in the fall and 24% (26) left in the spring. The 2012-2013 academic year had the highest number of students (43) leaving for this reason. The 2011-2012 and 2010-2011 academic years had 42 and 24 students withdraw in those years respectively.

The third highest reason is recorded as “personal” (102 students left under this withdrawal type). Within the group who indicated “personal” as reason for leaving, 60% (61) left in the fall and 40% (41) who left in the spring. The 2010-2011 academic year had the highest number of students (54) leaving the institution for this reason. The 2011-2012 academic year was the second highest with 48 students, and so far in the 2012-2013 year, no one has withdrawn for this reason.

Year	Type of Withdrawal	Fall 2010	Spring 2011	Fall 2011	Spring 2012	Fall 2012	Spring 2013	Total Fall	Total Spring	Total by ROWS
Graduate	Other	36	25	16	22	50	23	102	70	172
	Employment	27	17	36	17	44	15	107	49	156
	Personal	47	21	29	20	3	0	79	41	120
	Financial Difficulty	32	11	21	8	29	14	82	33	115
	Health	19	15	21	11	13	9	53	35	88
	Never Attended	9	12	11	6	16	11	36	29	65
	Transfer to another school	9	2	9	3	6	2	24	7	31
	Academic Difficulty	4	5	2	1	3	4	9	10	19
	Academically Dismissed	2	2	4	2	1	1	7	5	12
	Course Availability	3	2	3	0	0	0	6	2	8
	Withdrwn by Univ	1	1	0	1	2	2	3	4	7
	Military (with orders)	1	1	2	1	0	0	3	2	5
	Deceased	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
	Unknown	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Total Graduates Withdrawn		191	114	155	93	167	81	513	288

Type of withdrawal as “other” on average is the top reason why graduate students withdrew from ISU (172 students left since fall 2010). Within the group who withdrew for “other” reasons, 59% (102) left in the fall and 41% (70) left in the spring. The 2012-2013 academic year had the highest number of students (73) leaving the institution for this reason in a three year period (2,038 graduate students in fall 2012). The 2010-2011 academic year was the second highest with 61 students (2,121 graduate students in fall 2010), and the 2011-2010 academic year had 38 students withdraw for this reason (2,079 graduate students in fall 2011).

The second highest reason why seniors withdrew from the institution was for employment (156 students left since fall 2010). Within the group who left for employment, 68% (107) left in the fall and 31% (49) left in the spring. The 2012-2013 academic year had the highest number of students (59) leaving for this reason. The 2011-2012 and 2010-2011 academic years had 53 and 44 students withdraw in those years respectively.

The third highest reason is recorded as “personal” (120 students left under this withdrawal type). Within the group who indicated “personal” as reason for leaving, 66% (79) left in the fall and 34% (41) left in the spring. The 2010-2011 academic year had the highest number of students (68) leaving the institution for this reason. The 2011-2012 academic year was the second highest with 49 students, and so far in the 2012-2013 year, only 3 students have withdrawn for this reason.