

# College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

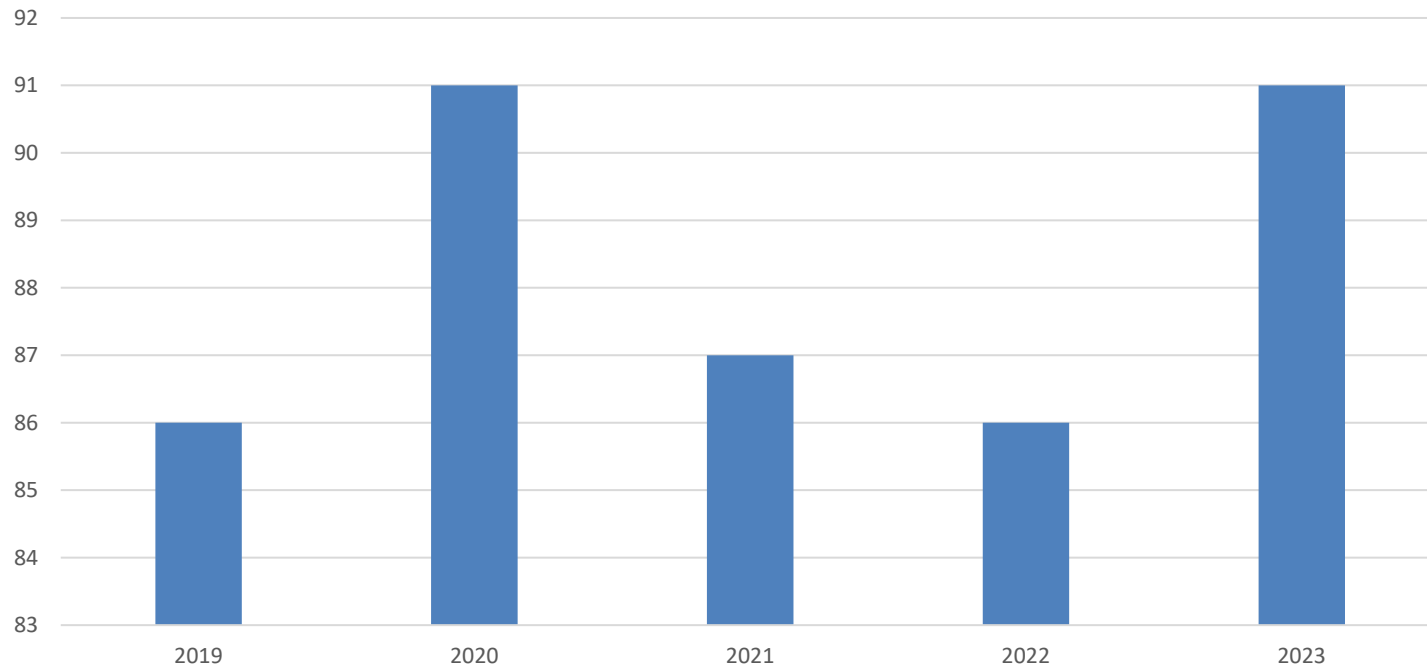


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# Student Success Initiatives

% CLAS Freshman Retention Fall to Spring



# What is leading to this success?

- Holistic approach across Academic Affairs
- Department initiatives
- College initiatives

# Department Student Success Initiatives

## Examples

- Math
  - Significant revisions to general education
  - Math Assistance Center Director
  - Math Assistance Center moving to Library
- New English Composition Director
- New Fundamentals of Oral Communication Director
- Increase in the number of free textbooks used in classes
  - Philosophy and English just recognized

# Second 8-Week Courses

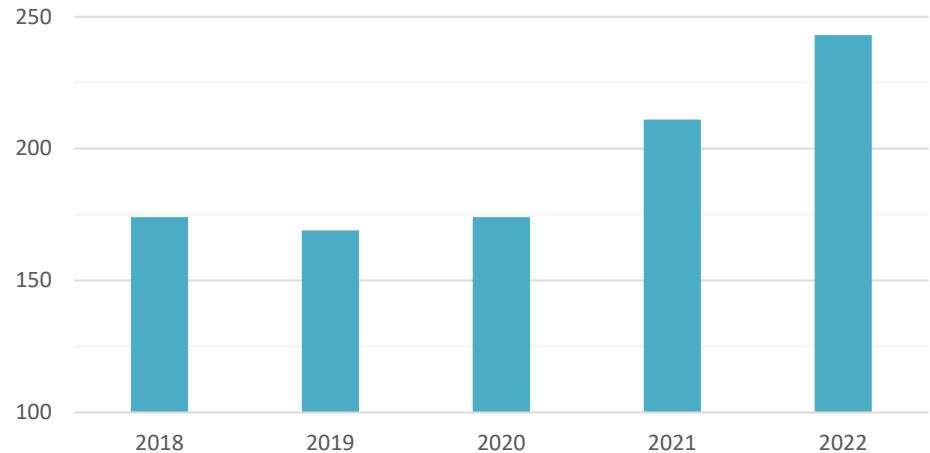
- Fall 2022, expanded the number of Second 8-week courses.
- 80 students enrolled after 4<sup>th</sup> week of the semester (group likely to be replacing course from which they withdrew).
- Important to track performance given that condensed course may be very difficult, particularly for struggling students.
- 67% earned a “C” or better in these courses.

# Support for Failed Gateway Courses

- Introduction to Psychology course selected for this pilot.
- Students (N~200) invited to complete mastery-based modules to improve grade from “D” or “F” up to a “C” (maximum). No fees.
- Modules require practice and feedback to learn how to take notes and answer test-like questions (unlimited attempts) and then a final quiz.

# Bachelor of General Studies

- Degree-completion option that allows for choice and flexibility
- Well-suited to nontraditional students or students with broad interests
- Trend of rapid growth from Fall 2019 through Spring 2022
- Currently, the 4th largest degree program in CLAS



Enrollment in General Studies in Spring Semesters by year

# Bachelor of General Studies Success Story





# Questions?

