

Educational Opportunity Program Review

Overview

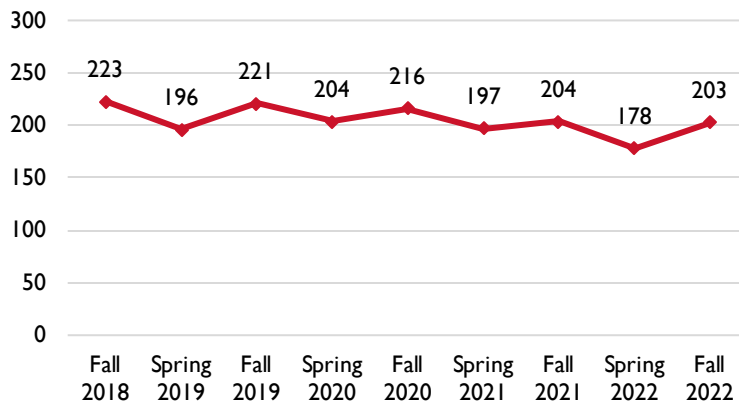
Since 2003, the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) has provided college access and support services to students who have experienced economic, educational, and/or environmental barriers but display the potential to succeed in higher education. Open to low-income, first-generation, California residents, entering their first year of college, the goal of EOP is to provide incoming students from historically underserved backgrounds with targeted support that will help them succeed and ultimately graduate.

Headcounts

All Freshmen by EOP Status from 2018-19 to 2022-23*

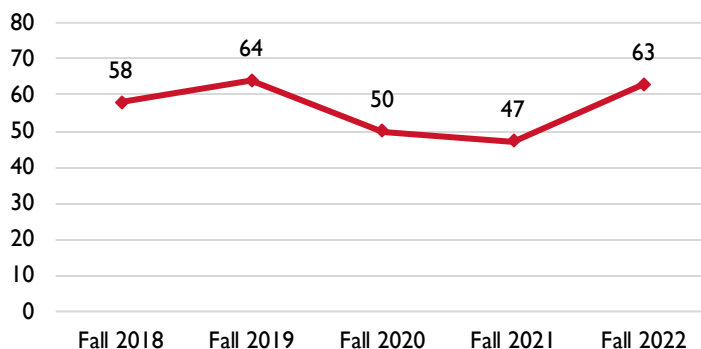
*Note: The 2022-23 year only includes Fall 2022 data as Spring 2023 enrollment data has not yet been finalized.

New and Returning EOP Students



In the last 5 academic years, EOP has served an average of 205 new and returning EOP students each semester. Note that returning students can appear multiple times across semesters.

New EOP Students



In the last 5 academic years, EOP has accepted a total of 282 new first time Freshmen, an average of 56 new students each year.

Demographics

All New Freshmen by EOP Status from Fall 2018 to Fall 2022

HUGs

HUGs	EOP (N)	EOP %	Freshmen (N)	Freshmen %	% Difference
Not HUG	29	10.3%	1,297	38.0%	-27.7%
HUG	253	89.7%	2,112	62.0%	27.7%

In the last 5 academic years, 89.7% (N = 253) of the 282 EOP students were HUGs, compared to 62% (N = 2,112) of the 3,409 other Freshmen, a 27.7 percentage point difference.

First Generation Status

First Generation Status	EOP (N)	EOP %	Freshmen (N)	Freshmen %	% Difference
First Generation	228	80.9%	1,226	36.0%	44.9%
Non-First Generation	54	19.1%	2,183	64.0%	-44.9%

In the last 5 academic years, 80.9% (N = 228) of the 282 EOP students were First Generation Status, compared to 36.0% (N = 1,226) of the 3,409 other Freshmen, a 44.9 percentage point difference.

Headcounts by Pell Eligibility

Pell Eligibility	EOP (N)	EOP %	Freshmen (N)	Freshmen %	% Difference
Not Pell Eligible	21	7.4%	1,677	49.2%	-41.8%
Pell Eligible	261	92.6%	1,732	50.8%	41.8%

In the last 5 academic years, 92.6% (N = 261) of the 282 EOP students were Pell Eligible, compared to 50.8% (N = 1,732) of the 3,409 other Freshmen, a 41.8 percentage point difference.

Units Completed in the First Semester

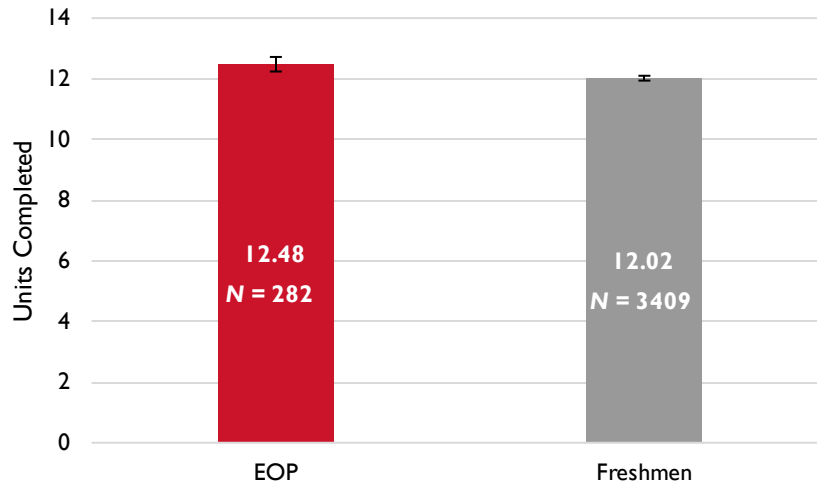
All Freshmen by EOP Status

Semester Units Completed	EOP (N)	EOP %	Freshmen (N)	Freshmen %	% Difference
Less than 12 units	73	25.9%	965	28.3%	-2.4%
12 - 14.9 units	68	24.1%	937	27.5%	-3.4%
15 or more units	141	50.0%	1,507	44.2%	5.8%

Overall, more EOP students completed 15 units or more compared to all other Freshmen. From 2017-18 to 2021-22, 50.0% (N = 141) of the 282 EOP students completed 15 or more semester units, compared to 44.2% (N = 1,507) of the other 3,409 Freshmen, a 5.8 percentage point difference.

Average Units Completed in the First Semester

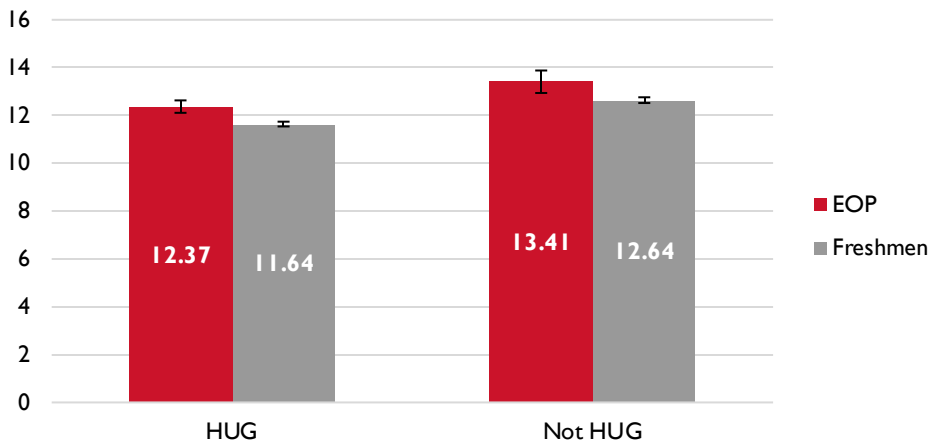
All Freshmen by EOP Status



	Average Semester Units Completed	Std. Error	N
EOP	12.48	.24	282
Non-EOP	12.02	.08	3409

On average, EOP students in the last 5 years completed slightly more units ($M = 12.48$) than all other Freshmen ($M = 12.02$) in the first semester. Error bars represent one standard error above and below the average.

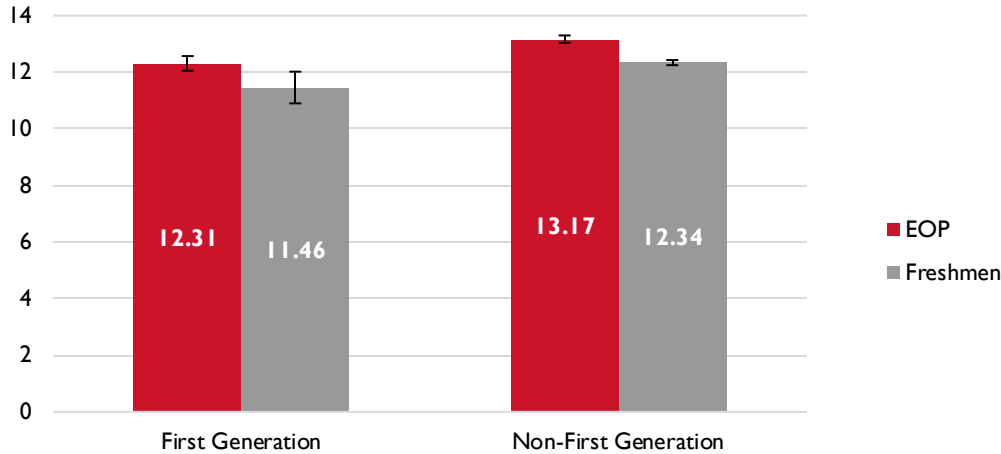
All Freshmen by EOP Status and HUGs



HUGs	EOP Avg.	Std. Error	EOP (N)	Freshmen Avg.	Std. Error	Freshmen (N)
Not HUG	13.41	.47	29	12.64	.12	1,297
HUG	12.37	.26	253	11.64	.10	2,112

Overall, the data suggest that both HUG and Non-HUG students seem to benefit similarly from engaging with the EOP program. On average, HUG EOP students completed more units ($M = 12.37$) in their first semester than all other Freshmen ($M = 11.64$). Likewise, Non-HUG EOP students also completed more units ($M = 13.41$) than other Non-HUG Freshmen ($M = 12.64$). Error bars represent one standard error above and below the average.

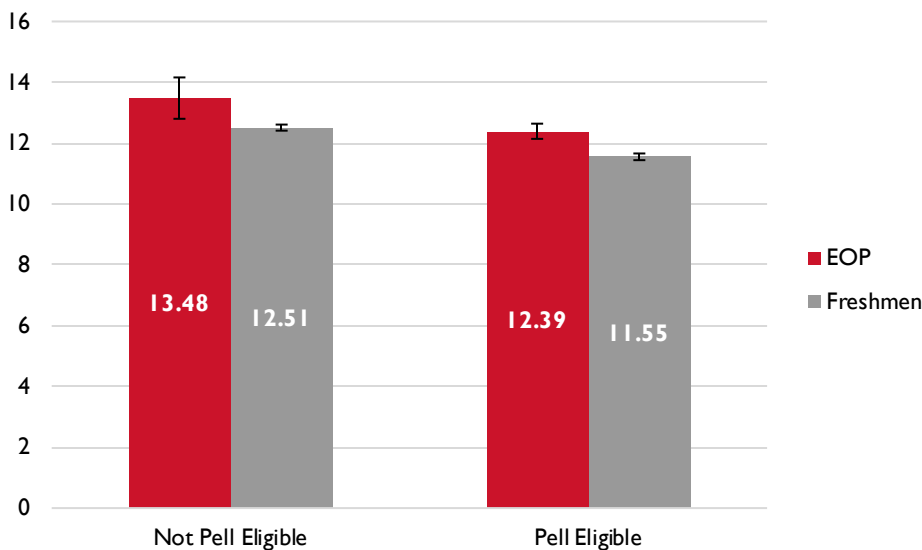
All Freshmen by EOP Status and First Generation Status



First Generation Status	EOP Avg.	Std. Error	EOP (N)	Freshmen Avg.	Std. Error	Freshmen (N)
First Generation	12.31	.26	228	11.46	.13	1,226
Non-First Generation	13.17	.56	54	12.34	.09	2,183

Overall, First Generation and Non-First Generation students seem to benefit similarly from engaging with the EOP program. On average, First Generation EOP students completed more units ($M = 12.31$) in their first semester than other First Generation Freshmen ($M = 11.46$). Likewise, Non-First Generation EOP students also completed more units ($M = 13.17$) than other Non-First Generation Freshmen ($M = 12.34$). Error bars represent one standard error above and below the average.

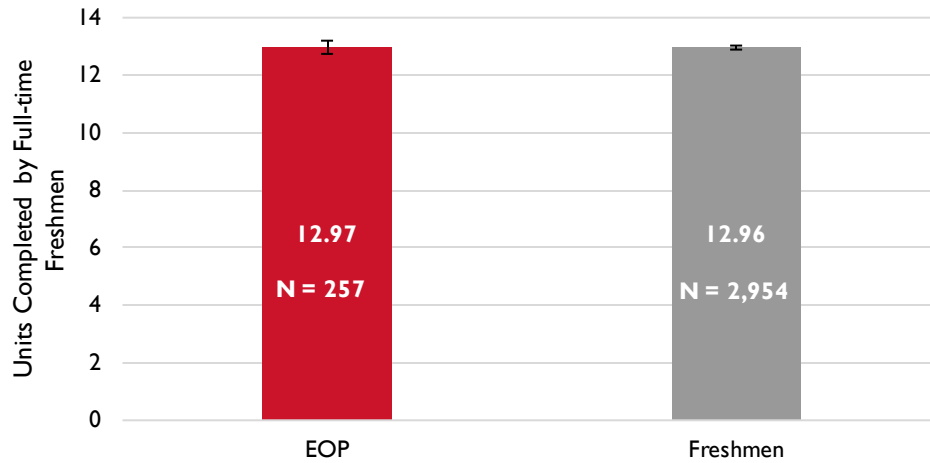
All Freshmen by EOP Status and Pell Eligibility



Pell Eligibility	EOP Avg.	Std. Error	EOP (N)	Freshmen Avg.	Std. Error	Freshmen (N)
Not Pell Eligible	13.48	.68	21	12.51	.10	1,677
Pell Eligible	12.39	.25	261	11.55	.11	1,732

On average, Pell Eligible EOP students completed more units ($M = 12.39$) than other Pell Eligible Freshmen ($M = 11.73$) in their first semester. Likewise, Non-Pell Eligible EOP students completed more units ($M = 13.48$) in their first semester than other Non-Pell Eligible Freshmen ($M = 11.51$). Error bars represent one standard error above and below the average.

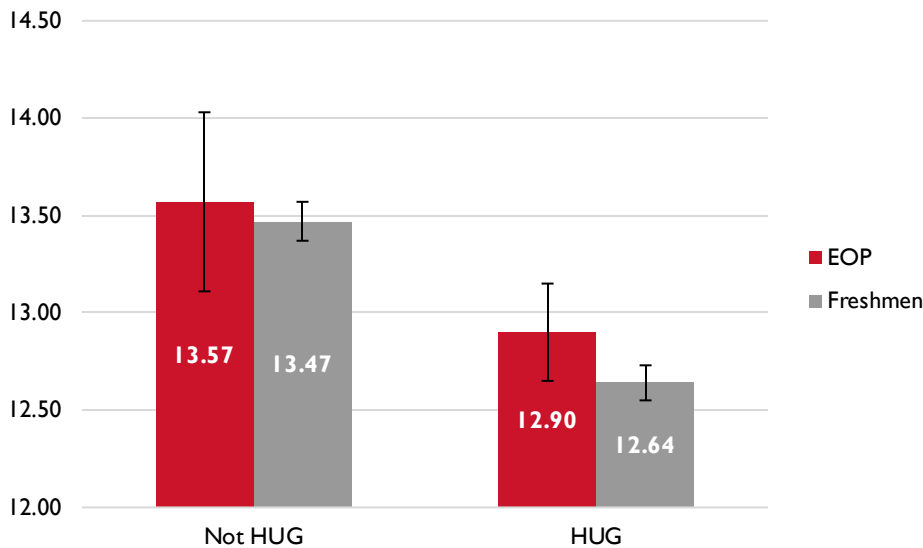
Full-Time Freshmen by EOP Status



	Average Semester Units Completed	Std. Error	N
EOP	12.97	.23	257
Non-EOP	12.96	.07	2,954

On average, EOP students in the last 5 years completed an equal number of units ($M = 12.97$) in their first semester than all other full-time Freshmen ($M = 12.96$). Error bars represent one standard error above and below the average.

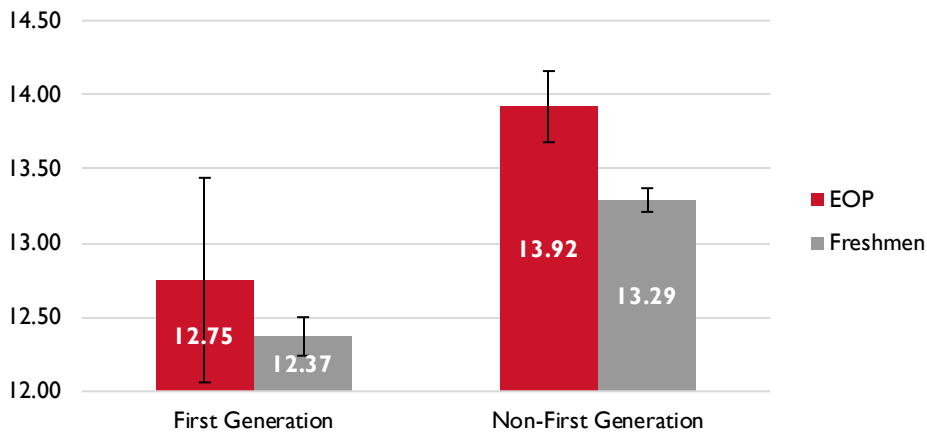
Full-Time Freshmen by EOP Status and HUGs



HUGs	EOP Avg.	Std. Error	EOP (N)	Freshmen Avg.	Std. Error	Freshmen (N)
Not HUG	13.57	.46	28	13.47	.10	1,150
HUG	12.90	.25	229	12.64	.09	1,804

Among Full-Time Freshmen, HUG EOP students completed a similar number of units ($M = 12.90$) as other HUG Freshmen ($M = 12.64$) in their first semester. Likewise, Non-HUG EOP students completed a similar number of units ($M = 13.57$) as other Non-HUG Freshmen ($M = 13.47$). Error bars represent one standard error above and below the average.

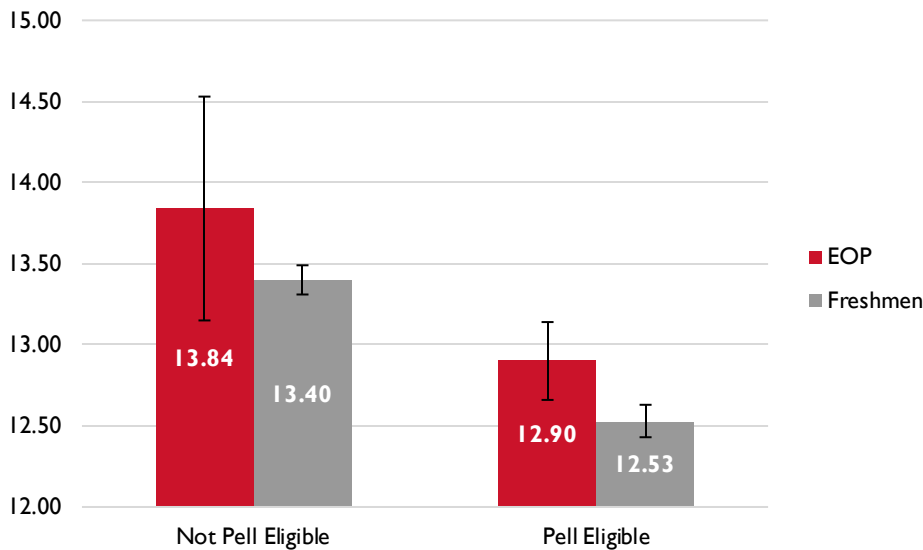
Full-Time Freshmen by EOP Status and First Generation Status



First Generation Status	EOP Avg.	Std. Error	EOP (N)	Freshmen Avg.	Std. Error	Freshmen (N)
First Generation	12.75	.26	208	12.37	.13	1,056
Non-First Generation	13.92	.47	49	13.29	.08	1,898

Among Full-Time Freshmen, First Generation EOP students completed a similar number of units ($M = 12.75$) on average as other First Generation Freshmen ($M = 12.37$). However, Non-First Generation EOP students completed more units ($M = 13.92$) than other Non-First Generation Freshmen ($M = 13.29$). Error bars represent one standard error above and below the average.

Full-Time Freshmen by EOP Status and Pell Eligibility

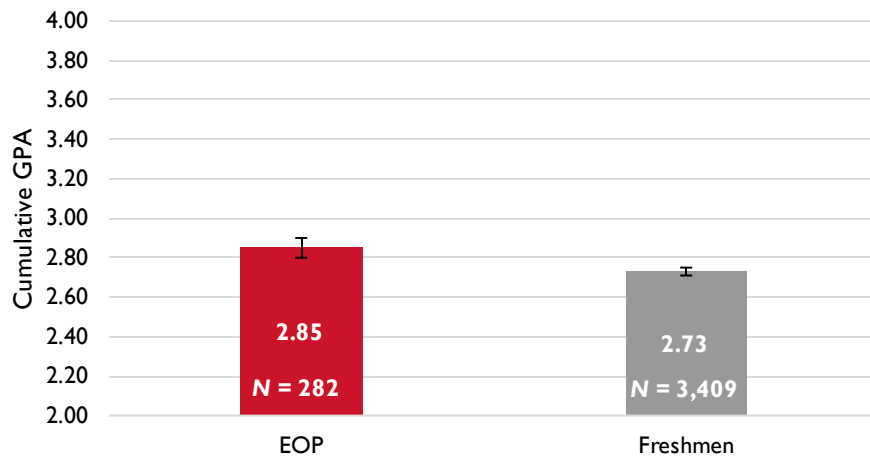


Pell Eligibility	EOP Avg.	Std. Error	EOP (N)	Freshmen Avg.	Std. Error	Freshmen (N)
Not Pell Eligible	13.84	.69	19	13.4	.09	1,465
Pell Eligible	12.9	.24	238	12.53	.10	1,489

Among Full-Time Freshmen, Pell Eligible EOP students appear to have completed slightly more units ($M = 12.90$) on average compared to other First Generation Freshmen ($M = 12.53$) in their first semester. However, Non-Pell Eligible EOP students completed a similar number of units ($M = 13.84$) as other Non-Pell Eligible Freshmen ($M = 13.40$) when considering sample size and variability. Error bars represent one standard error above and below the average.

Average First Semester Cumulative GPA - All Freshmen

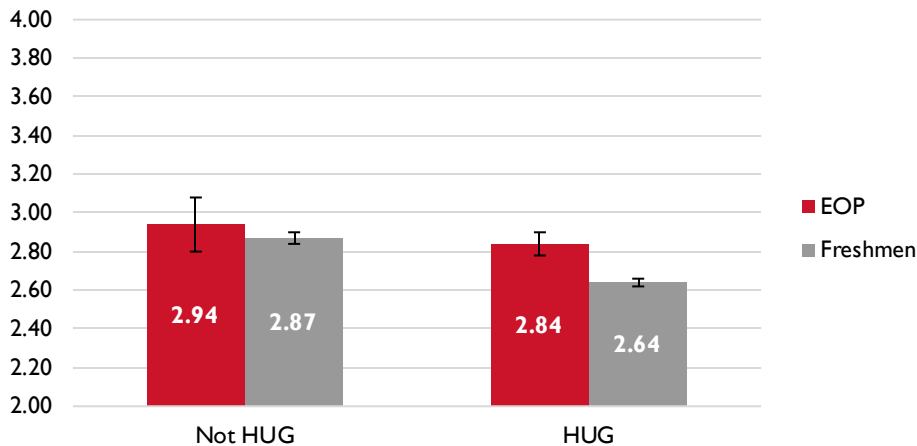
By EOP Status



	Cumulative GPA	Std. Error	N
EOP	2.85	.05	282
Non-EOP	2.73	.02	3,409

On average, EOP students in the last 5 years had a slightly higher cumulative GPA ($M = 2.85$) than all other Freshmen ($M = 2.73$) in their first semester. Error bars represent one standard error above and below the average.

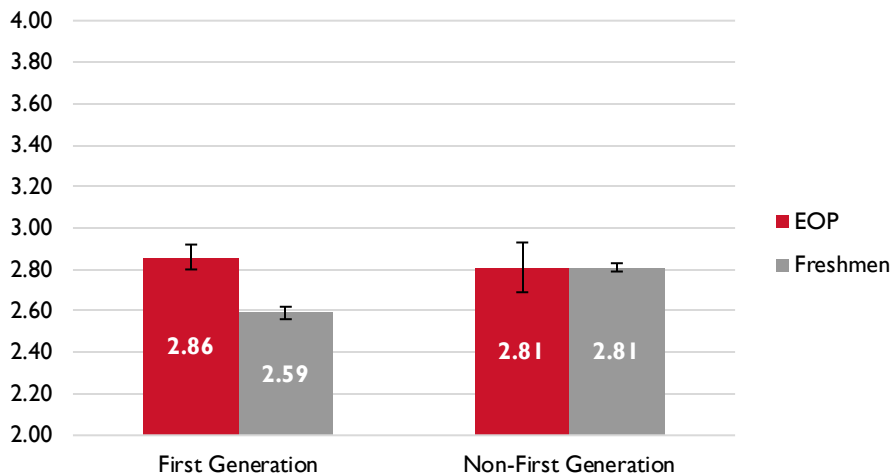
By EOP Status and HUGs



HUGs	EOP Avg.	Std. Error	EOP (N)	Freshmen Avg.	Std. Error	Freshmen (N)
Not HUG	2.94	.14	29	2.87	.03	1,297
HUG	2.84	.06	253	2.64	.02	2,112

HUG EOP students had a higher cumulative GPA ($M = 2.84$) than all other HUG Freshmen ($M = 2.64$) in the first semester. Although, the same did not appear to be true for Non-HUG students. Non-HUG EOP students appeared to have a similar GPA ($M = 2.94$) than other Non-HUG Freshmen ($M = 2.87$) when considering sample size and variability, suggesting that EOP may provide greater academic benefits to HUG students in the first semester. Error bars represent one standard error above and below the average.

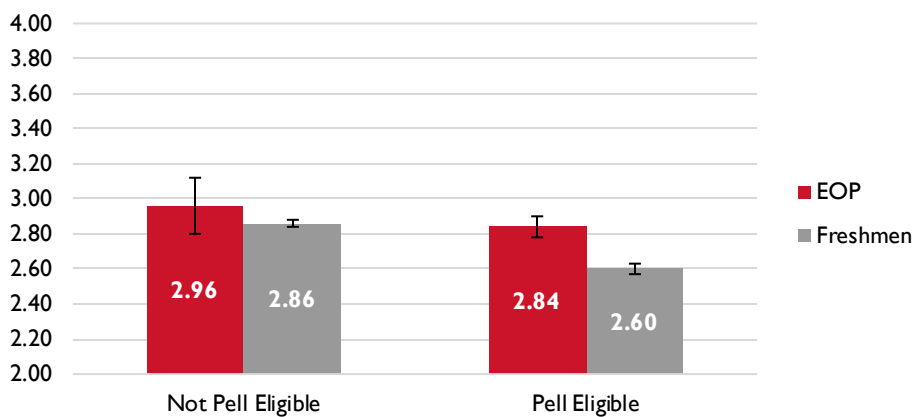
By EOP Status and First Generation Status



First Generation Status	EOP Avg.	Std. Error	EOP (N)	Freshmen Avg.	Std. Error	Freshmen (N)
First Generation	2.86	.06	228	2.59	.03	1,226
Non-First Generation	2.81	.12	54	2.81	.02	2,183

First Generation EOP students had a higher cumulative GPA ($M = 2.86$) than all other First Generation Freshmen ($M = 2.59$) in the first semester. However, Non-First Generation EOP students had a similar cumulative GPA ($M = 2.81$) as other Non-HUG Freshmen ($M = 2.81$). Together, these results suggest that EOP may provide greater academic benefits to First Generation students in the first semester. Error bars represent one standard error above and below the average.

By EOP Status and Pell Eligibility



Pell Eligibility	EOP Avg.	Std. Error	EOP (N)	Freshmen Avg.	Std. Error	Freshmen (N)
Not Pell Eligible	2.96	.16	21	2.86	.02	1,677
Pell Eligible	2.84	.06	261	2.60	.03	1,732

Pell Eligible EOP students had a higher cumulative GPA ($M = 2.84$) than all other Pell Eligible Freshmen ($M = 2.60$) in the first semester. However, Non-Pell Eligible EOP students also had a similar cumulative GPA ($M = 2.96$) as other Non-Pell Eligible Freshmen ($M = 2.86$) when considering sample size and variability. Together, these results suggest that EOP may provide greater academic benefits to Pell Eligible students in the first semester. Error bars represent one standard error above and below the average.

I-Year Retention Rates - 2017-18 to 2021-22 Cohorts*

*Note: The analyses in this section only include new full and part-time Freshmen who entered in Fall semesters from 2017-18 to 2021-22 (i.e., the 5 most recent cohorts to retain 1 year).

I-Year Retention by EOP Status

<i>EOP (N)</i>	<i>EOP %</i>	<i>Freshmen (N)</i>	<i>Freshmen %</i>	<i>% Difference</i>
228	82.9%	2,898	77.6%	5.3%

In general, EOP students had a higher retention rate than all other Freshmen. In the last 5 available Freshmen cohorts, 82.9% (N = 228) of all 275 EOP students retained one full year (i.e., retained to year 2), compared to 77.6% (N = 2,898) of all other 3,735 Freshmen, a 5.3 percentage point difference.

I-Year Retention by EOP Status and HUGs

<i>HUGs</i>	<i>EOP (N)</i>	<i>EOP %</i>	<i>Freshmen (N)</i>	<i>Freshmen %</i>	<i>% Difference</i>
<i>Not HUG</i>	25	80.6%	1,130	77.8%	2.8%
HUG	203	83.2%	1,768	77.5%	5.7%

EOP HUG students had a higher retention rate than similar freshmen. In the last 5 available Freshmen cohorts, 83.2% (N = 203) of all 244 EOP HUG students retained one full year (i.e., retained to year 2), compared to 77.5% (N = 1,768) of the other 2,282 HUG Freshmen, a 5.7 percentage point difference.

I-Year Retention by EOP Status and First Generation Status

<i>First Generation Status</i>	<i>EOP (N)</i>	<i>EOP %</i>	<i>Freshmen (N)</i>	<i>Freshmen %</i>	<i>% Difference</i>
First Generation	184	83.3%	1,022	76.4%	6.9%
<i>Non-First Generation</i>	44	81.5%	1,876	78.3%	3.2%

EOP First Generation students had a higher retention rate than similar freshmen. In the last 5 available Freshmen cohorts, 83.3% (N = 184) of all 221 EOP First Generation students retained one full year (i.e., retained to year 2), compared to 76.4% (N = 1,022) of the other 1,338 First Generation Freshmen, a 6.9 percentage point difference.

I-Year Retention by EOP Status and Pell Eligibility

<i>Pell Eligibility</i>	<i>EOP (N)</i>	<i>EOP %</i>	<i>Freshmen (N)</i>	<i>Freshmen %</i>	<i>% Difference</i>
<i>Not Pell Eligible</i>	21	95.5%	1,474	79.9%	15.6%
Pell Eligible	207	81.8%	1,424	75.3%	6.5%

EOP Pell Eligible students had a higher retention rate than similar freshmen. In the last 5 available Freshmen cohorts, 81.8% (N = 207) of all 253 EOP Pell Eligible students retained one full year (i.e., retained to year 2), compared to 75.3% (N = 1,424) of the other 1,890 Pell Eligible Freshmen, a 6.5 percentage point difference.

4-Year Graduation Rates - 2014-15 to 2018-19 Cohorts*

*Note: The analyses in this section only include new full and part-time Freshmen who entered in Fall semesters from 2014-15 to 2018-19 (i.e., the 5 most recent cohorts to graduate in 4 years).

4-Year Graduation Rate by EOP Status

<i>EOP (N)</i>	<i>EOP %</i>	<i>Freshmen (N)</i>	<i>Freshmen %</i>	<i>% Difference</i>
76	27.0%	1175	26.0%	1.0%

In general, EOP students had a higher 4-year graduation rate than all other Freshmen. In the last 5 available Freshmen cohorts, 27% (N = 76) of all 281 EOP students graduated in 4 years, compared to 26.0% (N = 1175) of all other 4,521 Freshmen, a difference of 1 percentage point.

4-Year Graduation Rate by EOP Status and HUGs

<i>HUGs</i>	<i>EOP (N)</i>	<i>EOP %</i>	<i>Freshmen (N)</i>	<i>Freshmen %</i>	<i>% Difference</i>
<i>Not HUG</i>	6	20%	522	28.7%	-8.7%
HUG	70	27.9%	653	24.2%	3.7%

EOP HUG students had a higher 4-year graduation rate than similar Freshmen. In the last 5 available Freshmen cohorts, 27.9% (N = 70) of all 251 EOP HUG students graduated in 4 years, compared to 24.2% (N = 653) of the other 2,700 HUG Freshmen, a 3.7 percentage point difference.

4-Year Graduation Rate by EOP Status and First Generation Status

<i>First Generation Status</i>	<i>EOP (N)</i>	<i>EOP %</i>	<i>Freshmen (N)</i>	<i>Freshmen %</i>	<i>% Difference</i>
First Generation	68	30.2%	379	23.8%	6.4%
<i>Non-First Generation</i>	8	14.3%	796	27.2%	-12.9%

EOP First Generation students had a higher 4-year graduation rate than similar Freshmen. In the last 5 available Freshmen cohorts, 30.2% (N = 68) of all 225 EOP First Generation students graduated in 4 years, compared to 23.8% (N = 379) of the other 1,594 First Generation Freshmen, a 6.4 percentage point difference.

4-Year Graduation Rate by EOP Status and Pell Eligibility

<i>Pell Eligibility</i>	<i>EOP (N)</i>	<i>EOP %</i>	<i>Freshmen (N)</i>	<i>Freshmen %</i>	<i>% Difference</i>
<i>Not Pell Eligible</i>	8	42.1%	642	29.7%	12.4%
Pell Eligible	68	26.0%	533	22.6%	3.4%

EOP Pell Eligible students had a higher 4-year graduation rate than similar Freshmen. In the last 5 available Freshmen cohorts, 26.0% (N = 68) of all 262 EOP Pell Eligible students graduated in 4 years, compared to 22.6% (N = 533) of the other 2,359 Pell Eligible Freshmen, a 3.4 percentage point difference.

6-Year Graduation Rates - 2012-13 to 2016-17 Cohorts*

*Note: The analyses in this section only include new full and part-time Freshmen who entered in Fall semesters from 2012-13 to 2016-17 (i.e., the 5 most recent cohorts to graduate in 6 years).

6-Year Graduation Rate by EOP Status

EOP (N)	EOP %	Freshmen (N)	Freshmen %	% Difference
134	62.6%	1,924	55.1%	7.5%

In general, EOP students had a higher 6-year graduation rate than all other Freshmen. In the last 5 available Freshmen cohorts, 62.6% (N = 134) of all 214 EOP students graduated in 6 years compared to 55.1% (N = 1,924) of all other 3,495 Freshmen, a difference of 7.5 percentage points.

6-Year Graduation Rate by EOP Status and HUGs

HUGs	EOP (N)	EOP %	Freshmen (N)	Freshmen %	% Difference
Not HUG	13	59.1%	899	60.0%	-0.9%
HUG	121	63.0%	1,025	51.4%	11.6%

EOP HUG students had a higher 6-year graduation rate than similar Freshmen. In the last 5 available Freshmen cohorts, 63.0% (N = 121) of all 192 EOP, HUG students graduated in 6 years, compared to 51.4% (N = 1,025) of the other 1,996 HUG Freshmen, an 11.6 percentage point difference.

6-Year Graduation Rate by EOP Status and First Generation Status

First Generation Status	EOP (N)	EOP %	Freshmen (N)	Freshmen %	% Difference
First Generation	108	64.3%	621	52.5%	11.8%
Non-First Generation	26	56.5%	1,303	56.4%	0.1%

EOP First Generation students had a higher 6-year graduation rate than similar Freshmen. In the last 5 available Freshmen cohorts, 64.3% (N = 108) of all 168 EOP, First Generation students graduated in 6 years, compared to 52.5% (N = 621) of the other 1,183 First Generation Freshmen, an 11.8 percentage point difference.

6-Year Graduation Rate by EOP Status and Pell Eligibility

Pell Eligibility	EOP (N)	EOP %	Freshmen (N)	Freshmen %	% Difference
Not Pell Eligible	10	66.7%	999	58.9%	7.8%
Pell Eligible	124	62.3%	925	51.4%	10.9%

EOP Pell Eligible students had a higher 6-year graduation rate than similar Freshmen. In the last 5 available Freshmen cohorts, 62.3% (N = 124) of all 199 EOP, Pell Eligible students graduated in 6 years, compared to 51.4% (N = 925) of the other 1,799 Pell Eligible Freshmen, a 10.9 percentage point difference.