Evidence of Course Effectiveness

While students who enroll in University 101 (UNIV 101) have lower predicted grade point averages, UNIV 101 students have consistently had higher one-year retention rates, 5-year graduation rates, and first-year GPAs than students who do not enroll in the course. Below is a sampling of these measures.

Positive Impact on Student Persistence

Students who enrolled in UNIV 101 in fall 2011 were retained to the second year at a significantly higher rate than students who did not enroll ($p = .002$). The impact of the course is more pronounced when South Carolina Honors College students are removed from the sample.

Positive Impact on Graduation Rates

Students who enrolled in UNIV 101 in 2007 had significantly higher 5-year graduation rates ($p < .001$). This was especially true for students with the lowest predicted ability ($p = .001$).

Quality of Course & Instruction is Improving

Recent changes to the course curriculum, as well as added emphasis on faculty development, have contributed to the increase in student satisfaction and course quality.

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