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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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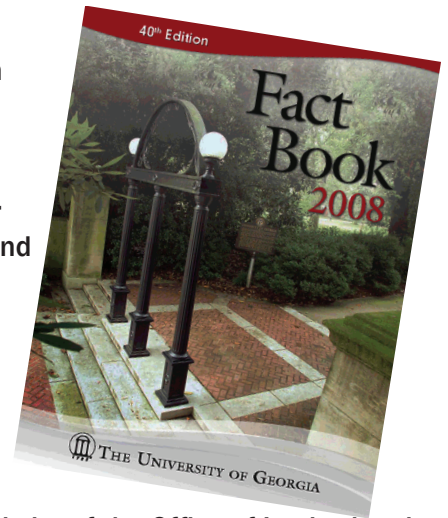
OIR wins regional awards

The UGA Office of Institutional Research won three awards at the October 2009 annual conference of the Southern Association for Institutional Research.

We received two first place awards for the 2008 Fact Book, for both the print and electronic versions. We are particularly proud of these awards for this 40th Anniversary edition of our Fact Book. The Fact Book editor is Marsha Allen.

Our recently redesigned website <http://www.oir.uga.edu/> took second place. Steve Quinlan, our webmaster, redesigned both our website and the website of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, and also creates the web version of our Fact Books.

Congratulations to all the OIR staff involved in these projects.



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OIR assists in preparation for SACS reaffirmation of accreditation

The University of Georgia is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, masters, specialist and doctoral degrees.

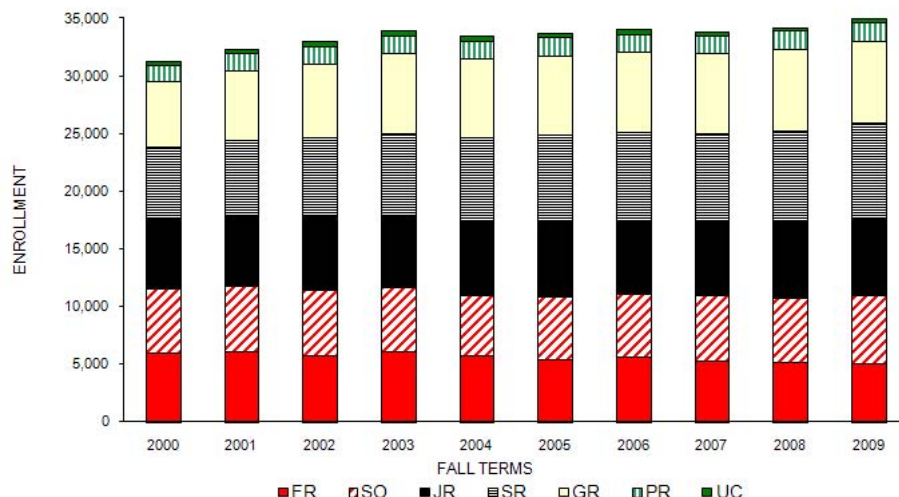
UGA must submit documentation for reaffirmation of accreditation in the fall of 2010. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness is coordinating this effort, and OIR, as a unit of that office, plays a key role. Staff members serve on committees and work groups, and provide data and expertise for many areas.

For general information about UGA's reaffirmation effort, visit the Office of Institutional Effectiveness web site: <http://www.uga.edu/effectiveness/accredit.html>.

The 2009 Fact Book will be available in January, 2010.

One area that is reported on is student enrollment. UGA enrolled a record number of students – 34,885 – in fall 2009.

Enrollment by Class, Fall Terms 2000-2009

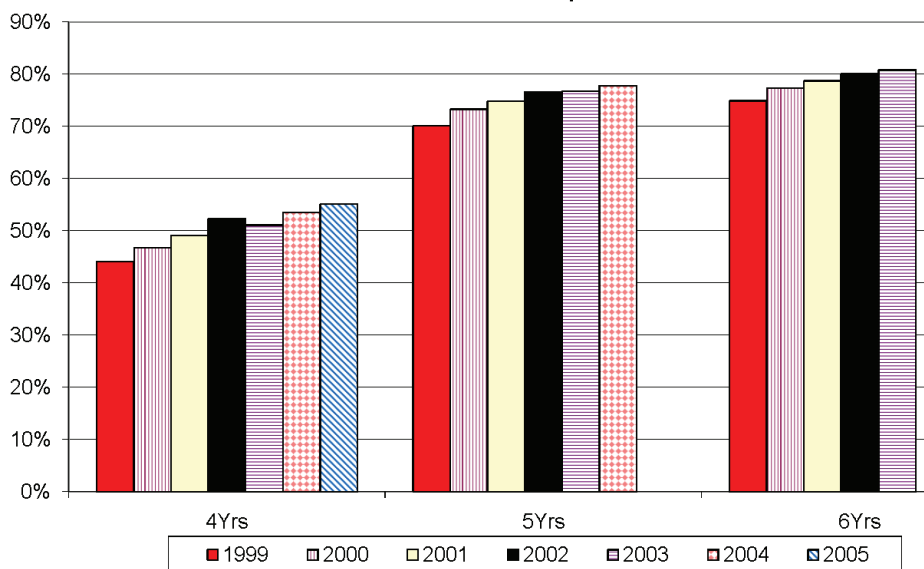


Source: UGA Registrar's Office

Undergraduate Retention and Graduation

The percentage of UGA first-time full-time freshman returning for their second year has risen from 89.9% for the 1999 cohort to 94.3% for the 2008 freshman class. The six-year completion rate for the 2003 cohort was 80.8%, up from 74.9% for the 1999 cohort; and four-year completion rates have risen to 55.1% (see chart below). In general, freshmen who live on-campus in their first semester have higher retention rates than students who live off-campus, and females graduate at slightly higher rates than males. See the OIR website for detailed retention studies.

UGA Freshman Cohort Completion Rates



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 and timely information. 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. If you have questions or comments, please call Dr. Gardner at 425-3183 or gardnerd@uga.edu.

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 information. OIR staff members are constantly collaborating with others on campus. Let us know how we can help you.

