

# UW Time-to-Degree Analytics

## Undergraduate Time-to-Degree Reports

OIA has recently implemented a process to compile and summarize time-to-degree metrics for University of Wyoming degrees awarded in undergraduate programs. These reports are presented according to the student classification at entry to UW as either first-time, or as a transfer student.

Within the two student-entry classifications, the three-year aggregate tables are grouped by College and the students' program, thereby allowing comparisons to be made by headcount, average elapsed calendar years, and average earned hours.

## Undergraduate Time-to-Degree Methodology

Undergraduate time-to-degree is measured in elapsed calendar years. Metrics are calculated for first-time or for transfer students between the dates of initial enrollment at UW and the time the student's first, primary degree was awarded. Students who stop-out for five or more consecutive years are excluded from the calculations, as well as students receiving a second bachelor's degree.

### Elapsed Calendar Years

Elapsed calendar years is a measure of the number of years from the beginning of a student's first term at UW, to the degree conferral date. It is a nationally-used metric for evaluating time-to-degree.

Elapsed calendar years continue to accrue, regardless of a student's status as enrolled or not enrolled. A partial year is expressed as a decimal. On-time graduation for a four-year degree based on this metric is 3.7 years.

### Average Earned Hours

Earned hours are the total of UW earned credit hours and transfer earned credit hours (for articulated transfer hours).