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).