

U101 Eval 2016

University 101 Program Evaluation: Fall Admits
First Year Programs, Undergraduate Academic Affairs

University 101 is an online pre-orientation course first year students must complete before attending an on-campus or hybrid Advising & Orientation (A&O) session. In 2016, U101 was built in collaboration with Advantage Design Group, a multimedia design and development firm specializing in developing websites and online orientations. The transition from hosting U101 on the Canvas Learning Management System to a dedicated website allowed First Year Programs to offer a high quality online orientation experience while streamlining the ability to track student completion and run comprehensive reports. In its second year, U101 evaluation questions were updated to align with UW course evaluation questions and answer choices. However, U101 questions from 2015 remained in the A&O program evaluation for consistency.

Completion Rates:

Students admitted to the University of Washington for the fall quarter gained access to U101 on June 1 and were required to complete the course at least 24-hours prior to their A&O session. Students admitted to the fall quarter completed the course by September 30 with high completion rates. Domestic freshman students completed the course at a higher rate than other student populations. While the overall completion rate of all students remained unchanged from 2015 to 2016 (99.2%), international student completion increased (+7.4%), while transfer student completion decreased (-4.5%).

Student Population (numbers)	2015			2016		
	U101	A&O	UW	U101	A&O	UW
Domestic Freshman Students	5768	5677	5676	5523	5461	5554
International Freshman Students	1046	1149	1116	836	850	901
Transfer Students	1236	1287	1443	1170	1278	1397
All Students	8050	8113	8235	7529	7589	7852
Student Population (percentages)	U101 to A&O	A&O to UW	U101 to UW	U101 to A&O	A&O to UW	U101 to UW
Domestic Freshman Students	101.6%	100.0%	101.6%	101.1%	98.3%	99.4%
International Freshman Students	91%	103.0%	93.7%	98.4%	94.3%	92.8%
Transfer Students	96%	89.2%	85.7%	91.5%	91.5%	83.8%
All Students	99.2%	98.5%	97.8%	99.2%	96.7%	99.4%

How many hours did you spend on this course?

Students spent an average of 2 hours to complete University 101. This self-reported completion time is 30 minutes shorter than what students reported in 2015. International students continue to spend the longest amount of time to complete U101 (2.5 hours) with transfer students completing the course in the shortest amount of time (under 2 hours).

2015 Average ¹	2016 Average	Difference from All	Student Population	30 min	90 min	150 min	210 min	330 min	n
				Under 1 hour	1-2 hours	2-3 hours	3-4 hours	More than 5 hours ²	
02:35	02:12	-00:23	Domestic Freshman	11.0%	36.4%	33.8%	15.8%	2.9%	6039
02:59	02:24	-00:35	International Freshman	8.5%	33.4%	33.0%	19.4%	5.7%	867
02:30	01:54	-00:36	Transfer	15.6%	41.3%	30.7%	10.5%	1.9%	1069
02:37	02:06	-00:31	All Students	11.9%	37.3%	33.1%	15.0%	2.7%	7223

¹ Question from 2015 asked: "Approximately how long did it take you to complete U101?" Answer choices included: "Less than 1 hour", "1 to 2 hours", "2 to 3 hours", and "More than 3 hours".

² The wording of this answer should have read "More than 4 hours", which explains the gap in answer choices (there was no option to report a completion time between 4 and 5 hours). However, answers were evaluated as written.

Use of time spent in this course was:

On average, students reported that University 101 was a good use of their time (4.51). International students reported that U101 was a very good (5) or excellent (6) use of their time more frequently than other student populations.

2016 Average	Difference from All	Student Population	1	2	3	4	5	6	n
			Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	
4.50	-0.01	Domestic Freshman	0.0%	1.8%	12.2%	35.4%	35.1%	15.5%	6016
4.87	+0.36	International Freshman	0.0%	0.5%	7.0%	26.2%	37.7%	28.6%	867
4.53	+0.02	Transfer	0.0%	1.7%	12.5%	33.9%	34.5%	17.4%	1054
4.51	--	All Students	0.0%	1.8%	12.2%	35.1%	35.0%	15.9%	7183

Amount you learned in the course was:

On average, students reported learning a good amount of material in University 101 (4.53). When measuring how frequently an answer was selected, all student populations most frequently reported learning a very good (5) amount of material.

2016 Average	Difference from All	Student Population	1	2	3	4	5	6	n
			Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	
4.53	0.00	Domestic Freshman	0.0%	1.8%	13.4%	32.5%	34.8%	17.5%	6016
4.97	+0.44	International Freshman	0.0%	0.3%	5.0%	22.0%	42.4%	30.2%	867
4.55	+0.22	Transfer	0.0%	2.4%	13.6%	31.5%	32.0%	20.6%	1055
4.53	--	All Students	0.0%	1.9%	13.4%	32.3%	34.4%	18.0%	7186

Relevance and usefulness of course content was:

On average, the relevance and usefulness of University 101 content was rated as good (4.74), the highest average rating among other questions. International students most frequently rated the relevance and usefulness of U101 content as excellent (6) with other populations most frequently rating it as very good (5).

2016 Average	Difference from All	Student Population	1	2	3	4	5	6	n
			Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	
4.75	+0.01	Domestic Freshman	0.0%	0.9%	9.9%	28.1%	35.7%	25.4%	6024
5.12	+0.38	International Freshman	0.0%	0.3%	4.3%	18.6%	37.0%	39.8%	866
4.70	-0.04	Transfer	0.0%	2.4%	12.2%	25.5%	32.9%	27.1%	1059
4.74	--	All Students	0.0%	1.2%	10.3%	27.7%	35.2%	25.7%	7197

The course as a whole was:

On average, students reported that University 101 as a whole was good (4.66). Again, international students most frequently rated U101 as excellent (6) with other populations most frequently rating it as very good (5).

2016 Average	Difference from All	Student Population	1	2	3	4	5	6	n
			Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	
4.65	-0.01	Domestic Freshman	0.0%	1.0%	9.8%	32.8%	36.1%	20.3%	6023
5.13	+0.47	International Freshman	0.0%	0.3%	2.4%	20.1%	38.3%	38.9%	867
4.70	+0.04	Transfer	0.0%	1.6%	9.5%	30.2%	34.8%	23.9%	1060
4.66	--	All Students	0.0%	1.1%	9.7%	32.4%	36.0%	20.9%	7197