Time to Degree for First-Time Undergraduate Completers Dashboard

The following provides an overview for the use of the Time to Degree for First-Time Undergraduate Completers dashboard. This dashboard provides data visualizations for average time to degree completion, average credit hours earned, average credit hours attempted, and the average ratio of credit hours earned to attempted credit hours for first-time freshman students. The dashboard includes a separate view for each of these four measures.

Average Time to Degree Completion view:

Aggregate time to degree completion results are presented as average years to degree completion. Time to degree completion years are measured such that graduating in the fall term contributes a half year (+0.5) and graduating in the spring or summer terms contributes a full year (+1.0) to a student's time to degree completion years. For example, a Fall 2012 cohort student graduating in Fall 2015 would have a time to degree of 3.5 academic years, while a Fall 2012 cohort student graduating in Spring 2016 or Summer 2016 would have a time to degree of 4 academic years.
Average Credit Hours to Degree view:

Aggregate credit hours upon degree completion are presented as average credit hours successfully earned by the time of degree completion. Credit hours reflected in this view include all credits earned since entering Mason regardless of possible changes in major.

Average Credit Hours Attempted view:

Aggregate credit hours attempted upon degree completion are presented as average total attempted credit hours taken by the time of degree completion. Attempted credit hours reflected in this view include all credit hours attempted since entering Mason regardless of possible changes in major.
Average Credit Hours Earned / Attempted Ratio view:

The average credit hours earned / attempted credit hours ratio is the percentage of successfully completed credit hours from the total attempted credit hours taken by the time of degree completion. For example, a student who successfully earned 120 credit hours and attempted 125 credit hours at the time of degree completion would have a 96% earned/attempted credit hour ratio (120 earned credit hours / 125 attempted credit hours). Credit hours earned / attempted ratios are calculated for each student, and results are aggregated and presented as average ratios.

Report Level Filters:
To view data for a specific school/college or demographic group, users can adjust report-level filters located in the left-hand menu. Adjusting a report-level filter changes results on all four dashboard views. The dashboard uses two types of filters: dropdown lists and mutually exclusive filters. Dropdown lists allow users to select and filter for multiple categories. Mutually exclusive filter selections will highlight in the color green to indicate the chosen selection.

Available report-level filters and mutually exclusive filter selection descriptions are listed below:

- **School/College of Degree** – dropdown list
- **Degree Major** – dropdown list
- **Gender** – mutually exclusive filter
- **Race/Ethnicity** – dropdown list
- **Minority vs. Non-Minority** – mutually exclusive filter
- **First Generation Status** – dropdown list
- Financial Aid – Pell eligibility – mutually exclusive filter
- Full-time vs Part-time Status – mutually exclusive filter
- Honors College – mutually exclusive filter
- Tuition Domicile – mutually exclusive filter

Report Level Filters dashboard view:

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School / College of Degree:
- School / College •

Degree Major:
- Major •

Gender:
- Female
- Male

Race / Ethnicity:
- Race / Ethnicity •

Minority vs. Non-Minority:
- Minority
- Non-Minority

First Generation College Status:
- First Generation College Status •

Financial Aid:
- Pell Eligible
- Not Pell Eligible

Full-time vs. Part-time Status:
- Full-time
- Part-time

Honors College:
- No
- Yes

Tuition Domicile:
- In State
- Out of State