Advanced Registration is a program for first-year, first-time freshmen developed out of the Office of Admissions. The Advanced Registration program is a recruitment and Records and division Enrollment Services with the technique that works to reduce the enrollment "melt" that occurs between the applicant status to active student by taking into account the students preferred class times, degree, degree progress, and course availability.

Advanced Registration is offered to all first-year, and first-year transfer (less than 24 transferrable credits) applicants for the fall semester only.

This study was conducted to determine if there was a benefit to the preliminary registration of first-year students at the University of Nevada, Reno. Currently finishing up its third year at the institution, Advanced Registration has successfully grown, year-by-year, and has now registered approximately 8,000 new students to date.

Advanced registration, while organized out of the Office of Admissions and Records, is a joint effort between many different professional advising staff, administrative faculty, academic faculty, and other staff. The registration for new first-year students is done jointly by Admissions and Records, as well as the University's Advising Offices.

The Advanced Registration program is a recruitment technique that works to reduce the enrollment "melt" that occurs between the applicant status to active student by registering students in their first semester classes for them. A team of registration staff and academic advisors work together to develop an ideal first semester schedule for students by taking into account the students preferred class times, degree, degree progress, and course availability.

Students take part in Advanced Registration by submitting a $250.00 deposit towards their tuition, as well as completing an Advanced Registration Questionnaire.

Overall, the study found that Advanced Registration does positively affect the credit load that students take over their first academic year. From analyzing three consecutive years of student enrollment data, the research found the following:

- Students who participated in Advanced Registration averaged a higher amount of credits taken in the first semester of enrollment (Fall admit term)
- Students who participated in Advanced Registration averaged a higher amount of credits taken in the sequential semester (Spring semester)
- Students who did not participate in Advanced Registration were more likely to register late
- Students who did not participate in Advanced Registration had lower Fall-to-Spring retention levels

These findings supported the hypothesis that Advanced Registration does have an effect on first-year, full-time student enrollment. It positively affects the registration, and continuation of students by promoting a higher number of credits, and ensuring students remain in degree progress.

In conclusion, Advanced Registration is statistically significant in improving the enrollment melt, term-to-term attrition, and the average credit load of students on who attend the University of Nevada, Reno.

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