Rates apply to students enrolled in the Fall term of an academic year one year later: The 8.5% first-year attrition rate for 05-06 means that 8.5% of the first-year students enrolled in Fall 2005 did not return in Fall 2006; similarly, 4.2% of the total student body enrolled in Fall 2005 (excluding students who graduated in 2005-06) did not return in Fall 2006.