In Fall 2010, 26,690 Florida College System (FCS) graduates were admitted into the State University System of Florida (SUS) and 19,067 (71.4 percent) enrolled. Florida’s statewide articulation agreement guarantees Associate in Arts (AA) recipients from the FCS admission with 60 semester hours into one of the 11 state universities, with the exception of limited access programs. Florida’s statewide course numbering system supports the seamless articulation between FCS and SUS, helping smooth the transfer process for students.

Table 1 shows trends of FCS students who applied, were accepted/admitted, and enrolled from Fall 2006 to Fall 2010. Over a five-year period, the number of students applying to a state university increased 28.4 percent. During the same period, the proportion of students who were subsequently admitted decreased from 72.3 percent in Fall 2006 to 68.7 percent in Fall 2010. However, the percentage of students who were admitted and went on to enroll increased over the five year period from 69.2 percent in Fall 2006 to 71.4 percent in Fall 2010.

Figure 1 illustrates that student numbers increased across all three categories over the last five years. The number of applicants grew from 30,244 to 38,835 over the five year period. FCS graduates who were accepted at an SUS university increased from 21,866 in Fall 2006 to 26,690 in Fall 2010. In Fall 2006, 15,124 students who were admitted enrolled in a state university; this rose to 19,067 in Fall 2010. While the numbers have increased, the proportion of students admitted decreased slightly and the number of those enrolled after being accepted increased by 3,943 from Fall 2006 to Fall 2010.

Florida’s comprehensive statewide articulation policies coupled with a strong working relationship between the FCS and the SUS officials will continue to help students succeed in their college careers. Florida’s public postsecondary education systems offer affordable higher education opportunities to Floridians.

The Florida College System Research & Analytics unit produces a variety of reports and analysis including the FCS Fact Book. Other sources of information about progression and transfer of students through Florida’s K-20 education system are the Florida Department of Education's Office of Articulation and the SUS Fact Book (Table 3). To locate the colleges nearest you and enroll, please visit the Florida College Directory.

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