

**ACC Reasons for Withdrawal
Academic Years 2003 - 2005**

Withdrawal Category	Reason for Withdrawal	AY 2003		AY 2004		AY 2005	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Course-related	Course was too difficult	2,112	5.9%	2,146	6.0%	2,258	5.9%
	Course took up too much time	3,044	8.6%	2,936	8.2%	2,824	7.4%
	Course was not challenging enough	255	0.7%	214	0.6%	215	0.6%
	Disappointed in the quality of teaching	1,910	5.4%	2,126	5.9%	2,141	5.6%
	Course not what I expected	1,545	4.3%	1,702	4.8%	1,645	4.3%
	Group Total	8,866	24.9%	9,124	25.5%	9,083	23.8%
College-related	Inadequate information about ACC or the course	217	0.6%	225	0.6%	235	0.6%
	Inadequate counseling	117	0.3%	124	0.3%	135	0.4%
	Inadequate tutoring	41	0.1%	41	0.1%	59	0.2%
	Inadequate parking	85	0.2%	77	0.2%	78	0.2%
	Didn't like the facilities	18	0.1%	26	0.1%	17	0.0%
	Not enough student-faculty contact	71	0.2%	107	0.3%	95	0.2%
	Not enough extracurricular activities offered	19	0.1%	18	0.1%	15	0.0%
	Group Total	568	1.6%	618	1.7%	634	1.7%
Personal-related	Conflict between class and job	7,950	22.3%	7,693	21.5%	8,167	21.4%
	Transportation problems	621	1.7%	531	1.5%	600	1.6%
	Financial problems	870	2.4%	823	2.3%	845	2.2%
	Emotional problems	662	1.9%	638	1.8%	733	1.9%
	Family/Relationship problems	1,871	5.3%	1,867	5.2%	2,144	5.6%
	Health problems	1,607	4.5%	1,657	4.6%	1,780	4.7%
	Moving to another city location	604	1.7%	570	1.6%	568	1.5%
	Met my goal - no need to finish the course	403	1.1%	386	1.1%	430	1.1%
	To maintain higher GPA	1,979	5.6%	2,101	5.9%	2,213	5.8%
	Undecided about my major or career goals	382	1.1%	347	1.0%	379	1.0%
	Changed my major or career goals	591	1.7%	593	1.7%	677	1.8%
	Wasn't ready for college	120	0.3%	122	0.3%	115	0.3%
	Not prepared academically for the course	695	2.0%	744	2.1%	746	2.0%
Decided college was not for me	135	0.4%	134	0.4%	131	0.3%	
	Group Total	18,490	51.9%	18,206	50.9%	19,528	51.2%
Faculty-initiated	Excessive absences	3,668	10.3%	3,680	10.3%	4,144	10.9%
	Disciplinary action	20	0.1%	27	0.1%	19	0.0%
	Lack of progress	1,030	2.9%	1,227	3.4%	1,390	3.6%
	Missed tests or assignments	1,178	3.3%	1,247	3.5%	1,461	3.8%
	Lacks pre-requisite	45	0.1%	41	0.1%	33	0.1%
	TASP	927	2.6%	726	2.0%	919	2.4%
	Other	803	2.3%	862	2.4%	895	2.3%
	Group Total	7,671	21.6%	7,810	21.8%	8,861	23.3%
Total		35,595	100.0%	35,758	100.0%	38,106	100.0%
No reason given/missing data*		2,252		834		588	
Grand Total		37,847		36,592		38,694	

* Withdrawals with no reason given or with missing data in the "Reasons for Withdrawal" code (6% of all withdrawals during AY 2003 and 2% of all withdrawals for both AY 2004 and AY 2005) were excluded from the percentage calculation.

Notes

→ Reasons for withdrawal were obtained from withdrawal forms from the ACC computer system. The reasons for withdrawal were divided, per the form, into 4 sections: *Course-related*, *College-related*, *Personal-related* and *Faculty-initiated*.

→ As in academic years 2003 and 2004, half of all reasons given for withdrawals in academic year 2005 were *Personal-related*. The number one reason for withdrawal in both academic years was "Conflict between class and job" (a *Personal-related* reason for withdrawal). *Course-related* and *Faculty-initiated* accounted for 23.8% and 23.3%, respectively, of the reasons for withdrawal in academic year 2005, with the former decreasing 1.7% and the latter increasing 1.5% compared to the previous academic year.

ACC Reasons for Withdrawal by Dean Area Academic Year 2005

Withdrawal Category/Reason for Withdrawal	Dean Area																	
	Arts & Humanities		Communications		Mathematics & Science		Social & Behavioral Sciences		Applied Tech, Multimedia & Public Services		Business Studies		Health Sciences		Computer Studies & Advanced Technology		ACC Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Course-related																		
Course was too difficult	273	7.0%	252	3.7%	1,001	9.0%	508	5.3%	37	2.6%	90	4.4%	46	2.8%	51	3.2%	2,258	5.9%
Course took up too much time	373	9.5%	452	6.7%	749	6.8%	777	8.1%	98	6.9%	144	7.0%	124	7.6%	107	6.7%	2,824	7.4%
Course was not challenging enough	36	0.9%	31	0.5%	59	0.5%	42	0.4%	10	0.7%	6	0.3%	12	0.7%	19	1.2%	215	0.6%
Disappointed in the quality of teaching	225	5.7%	311	4.6%	846	7.6%	490	5.1%	55	3.9%	98	4.8%	46	2.8%	70	4.4%	2,141	5.6%
Course not what I expected	286	7.3%	195	2.9%	358	3.2%	483	5.0%	71	5.0%	93	4.5%	88	5.4%	71	4.4%	1,645	4.3%
Group Total	1,193	30.4%	1,241	18.4%	3,013	27.2%	2,300	23.9%	271	19.1%	431	21.1%	316	19.4%	318	19.8%	9,083	23.8%
College-related																		
Inadequate information about ACC or the course	24	0.6%	45	0.7%	70	0.6%	50	0.5%	10	0.7%	12	0.6%	10	0.6%	14	0.9%	235	0.6%
Inadequate counseling	14	0.4%	19	0.3%	41	0.4%	37	0.4%	3	0.2%	4	0.2%	9	0.6%	8	0.5%	135	0.4%
Inadequate tutoring	5	0.1%	6	0.1%	26	0.2%	11	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	4	0.2%	5	0.3%	59	0.2%
Inadequate parking	11	0.3%	15	0.2%	25	0.2%	9	0.1%	1	0.1%	5	0.2%	7	0.4%	5	0.3%	78	0.2%
Didn't like the facilities	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	5	0.0%	2	0.0%	3	0.2%	2	0.1%	3	0.2%	0	0.0%	17	0.0%
Not enough student-faculty contact	7	0.2%	13	0.2%	23	0.2%	27	0.3%	2	0.1%	12	0.6%	4	0.2%	7	0.4%	95	0.2%
Not enough extracurricular activities offered	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.0%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%	15	0.0%
Group Total	62	1.6%	99	1.5%	195	1.8%	141	1.5%	19	1.3%	39	1.9%	37	2.3%	42	2.6%	634	1.7%
Personal-related																		
Conflict between class and job	863	22.0%	1,195	17.7%	2,132	19.2%	2,247	23.3%	346	24.3%	557	27.2%	418	25.6%	409	25.5%	8,167	21.4%
Transportation problems	65	1.7%	105	1.6%	136	1.2%	150	1.6%	47	3.3%	19	0.9%	46	2.8%	32	2.0%	600	1.6%
Financial problems	88	2.2%	144	2.1%	228	2.1%	236	2.4%	30	2.1%	45	2.2%	43	2.6%	31	1.9%	845	2.2%
Emotional problems	80	2.0%	135	2.0%	192	1.7%	208	2.2%	26	1.8%	25	1.2%	42	2.6%	25	1.6%	733	1.9%
Family/Relationship problems	205	5.2%	361	5.3%	589	5.3%	592	6.1%	81	5.7%	126	6.2%	110	6.7%	80	5.0%	2,144	5.6%
Health problems	181	4.6%	260	3.9%	453	4.1%	445	4.6%	93	6.5%	93	4.5%	185	11.3%	70	4.4%	1,780	4.7%
Moving to another city location	56	1.4%	88	1.3%	138	1.2%	172	1.8%	21	1.5%	38	1.9%	32	2.0%	23	1.4%	568	1.5%
Met my goal - no need to finish the course	55	1.4%	70	1.0%	151	1.4%	87	0.9%	16	1.1%	24	1.2%	18	1.1%	9	0.6%	430	1.1%
To maintain higher GPA	207	5.3%	321	4.8%	701	6.3%	743	7.7%	52	3.7%	75	3.7%	64	3.9%	50	3.1%	2,213	5.8%
Undecided about my major or career goals	34	0.9%	36	0.5%	106	1.0%	103	1.1%	17	1.2%	34	1.7%	10	0.6%	39	2.4%	379	1.0%
Changed my major or career goals	64	1.6%	70	1.0%	253	2.3%	143	1.5%	32	2.3%	46	2.2%	49	3.0%	20	1.2%	677	1.8%
Wasn't ready for college	6	0.2%	27	0.4%	28	0.3%	44	0.5%	2	0.1%	5	0.2%	1	0.1%	2	0.1%	115	0.3%
Not prepared academically for the course	74	1.9%	131	1.9%	243	2.2%	169	1.8%	24	1.7%	34	1.7%	34	2.1%	37	2.3%	746	2.0%
Decided college was not for me	11	0.3%	29	0.4%	25	0.2%	47	0.5%	2	0.1%	6	0.3%	5	0.3%	6	0.4%	131	0.3%
Group Total	1,989	50.7%	2,972	44.0%	5,375	48.4%	5,386	55.9%	789	55.5%	1,127	55.1%	1,057	64.8%	833	51.9%	19,528	51.2%
Faculty-initiated																		
Excessive absences	421	10.7%	974	14.4%	1,711	15.4%	519	5.4%	137	9.6%	155	7.6%	64	3.9%	163	10.2%	4,144	10.9%
Disciplinary action	1	0.0%	8	0.1%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.1%	1	0.0%	5	0.3%	0	0.0%	19	0.0%
Lack of progress	29	0.7%	772	11.4%	114	1.0%	238	2.5%	41	2.9%	105	5.1%	42	2.6%	49	3.1%	1,390	3.6%
Missed tests or assignments	75	1.9%	306	4.5%	400	3.6%	399	4.1%	60	4.2%	96	4.7%	5	0.3%	120	7.5%	1,461	3.8%
Lacks pre-requisite	2	0.1%	26	0.4%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	33	0.1%
TASP	72	1.8%	158	2.3%	89	0.8%	383	4.0%	66	4.6%	46	2.2%	66	4.0%	39	2.4%	919	2.4%
Other	77	2.0%	193	2.9%	192	1.7%	271	2.8%	36	2.5%	46	2.2%	39	2.4%	41	2.6%	895	2.3%
Group Total	677	17.3%	2,437	36.1%	2,511	22.6%	1,811	18.8%	343	24.1%	449	21.9%	221	13.5%	412	25.7%	8,861	23.3%
Total	3,921	100.0%	6,749	100.0%	11,094	100.0%	9,638	100.0%	1,422	100.0%	2,046	100.0%	1,631	100.0%	1,605	100.0%	38,106	100.0%
No reason given/missing data*	47	.	96	.	161	.	162	.	25	.	35	.	38	.	24	.	588	.
Grand Total	3,968	.	6,845	.	11,255	.	9,800	.	1,447	.	2,081	.	1,669	.	1,629	.	38,694	.

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→ Examining total ACC reasons for withdrawal, half of all reasons given in academic year 2005 were *Personal-related* (51.2%). The number one reason for withdrawals, across all dean areas, was "Conflict between class and job" (a *Personal-related* reason for withdrawal); Business Studies had the highest "Conflict between class and job" percentage (27.2%). *Course-related* and *Faculty-initiated* reasons for withdrawal accounted for 23.8% and 23.3%, respectively, of withdrawals in academic year 2005 at ACC.

→ Across the four withdrawal categories, the following dean areas had the highest percentage in each *Course-related* withdrawals - Arts & Humanities (30.4%); *College-related* withdrawals - Computer Studies & Advanced Technology (2.6%); *Personal-related* withdrawals - Health Sciences (64.8%); *Faculty-initiated* withdrawals - Communications (36.1%);

Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Source: ACC Computer System (uncertified data)

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