Siena Fast Facts

Today our Fast Facts will respond to a reader request and take a look at GPA by school and by student status. The chart below shows first-term GPA for new and transfer students who matriculated into Siena between fall 2013 and fall 2015.

Transfer students matriculating into the School of Arts and School of Business had a slightly lower average first-term GPA than new students matriculating into these schools. For the School of Science, in contrast, the effect was reversed: transfer students had a higher GPA than new students. (However, it should be noted that only a small number of transfer students matriculate into the School of Science, typically about 15 in a given fall term. Most of our transfer students – about 60% – matriculate into the School of Business.)

The chart below shows first-term GPA by school based on housing status for students who matriculated into Siena between fall 2013 and fall 2015.
For students matriculating into the School of Arts or School of Business, there is very little difference in GPA by housing status. For students in the School of Science, however, on-campus students have a higher average GPA than commuter students.

The data above look at fall cohorts of incoming students. Siena has very few new students who matriculate in the spring (typically only a handful), so we don’t normally track spring cohorts of new students. We do, however, have a significant number of transfer students who matriculate in the spring (about 50 a year on average), and these students sometimes get overlooked in our tracking. The chart below shows first-term GPA for transfer students by matriculation term.
In all three schools, spring matriculants have a lower average GPA than fall matriculants. This is consistent with other data we have that suggest that spring matriculants have poorer outcomes on average than fall matriculants.

Happy Easter! We hope you enjoy the break and the approach of spring.

As always, if you have any ideas for future Fast Facts, please let us know.