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Implementation of On-Time Registration: Fall 2014

As part of NOVA's efforts to increase student success outcomes, NOVA enacted six policy changes in Fall 2014, one of which requires all NOVA students to comply with its on-time registration policy: all NOVA students must register by 11:59 p.m. the day before the session begins.

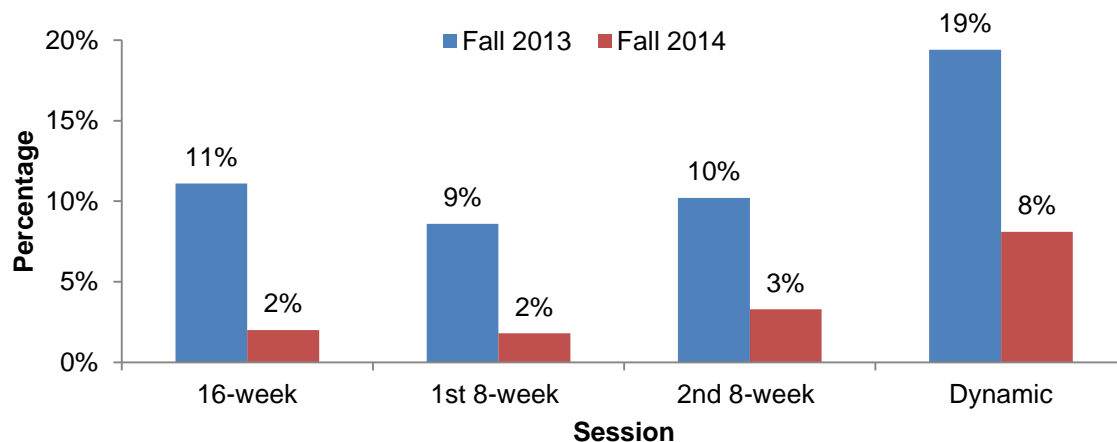
Table 1 and Figure 1 present the number of late course registrations in Fall 2013 and Fall 2014. In Fall 2013, 12 percent of courses were registered for past the deadline. In Fall 2014, with the implementation of the on-time registration policy, this percentage significantly decreased to only 3 percent of courses being registered for past the deadlines (with permission).

Table 1. Late Course Registration by Session: Fall 2013 and Fall 2014

Session	Fall 2013	Late Registration		Fall 2014	Late Registration (with Permission)	
		#	%		#	%
16-week	98,605	10,923	11.1	85,467	1,729	2.0
1st 8-week	9,474	814	8.6	9,335	164	1.8
2nd 8-week	9,761	997	10.2	11,251	375	3.3
Dynamic	12,628	2,450	19.4	20,360	1,651	8.1
Total Course Enrollment	130,468	15,184	11.6	126,413	3,919	3.1

Note: Data do not include ELI courses.

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As can be seen in Table 2 and Figure 2, there were significant increases in registrations for the second 8-week and dynamic sessions (16 percent and 61 percent, respectively). These data show that although there was a slight decrease in total course enrollment, there was a large shift from enrollment in earlier sessions to enrollment in later sessions.

Table 2. Course Enrollment of NOVA Students by Session: Fall 2013 and Fall 2014

Session	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Difference from Fall 2013 to Fall 2014	
			#	%
16-Week Session	98,614	85,749	-12,865	-13.0
1st 8-Week Session	9,465	9,336	-129	-1.4
2nd 8-Week Session	9,728	11,266	1,538	15.8
Dynamic	12,633	20,331	7,698	60.9
Total Course Enrollment	130,440	126,682	-3,758	-2.9

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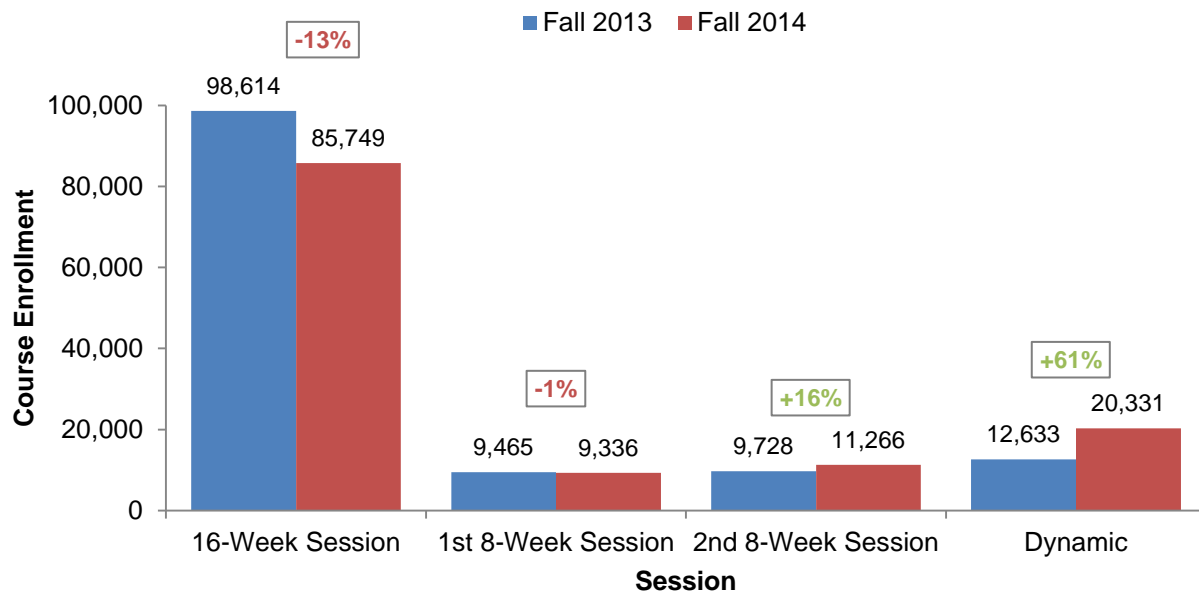


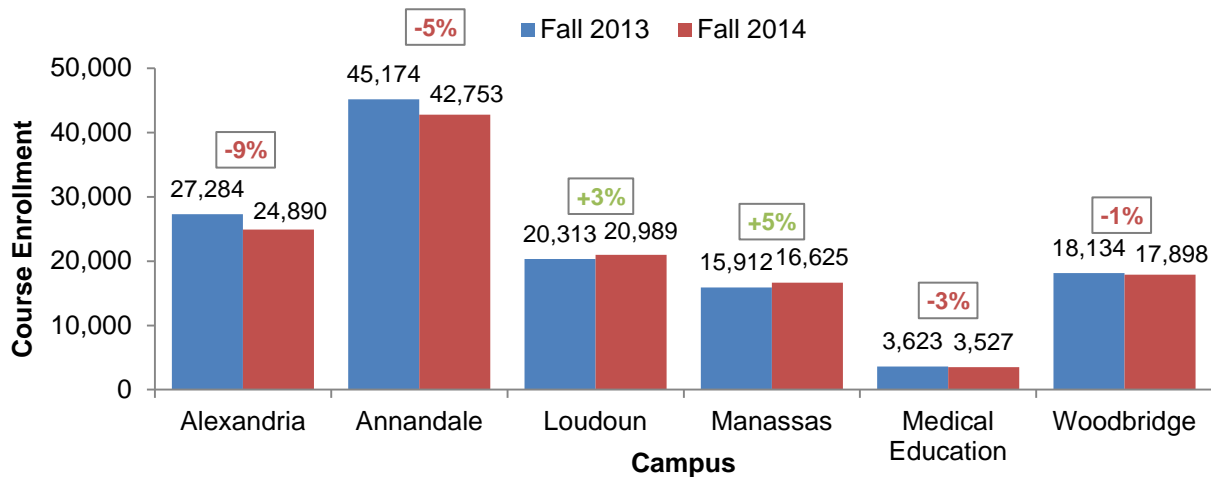
Table 3 and Figure 3 (next page) display course enrollment by campus for Fall 2013 and Fall 2014. Course enrollment at the Loudoun and Manassas Campuses increased from Fall 2013 to Fall 2014 (3 percent and 5 percent, respectively), however at the two largest campuses, Alexandria and Annandale, overall course enrollment decreased (9 percent and 5 percent, respectively). At this time, however, it is not possible to comment on what effect, if any, the new policy had on total enrollment at the College.

Table 3. Course Enrollment of NOVA Students by Campus: Fall 2013 and Fall 2014

Campus	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Difference from Fall 2013 to Fall 2014	
			#	%
Alexandria	27,284	24,890	-2,394	-8.8
Annandale	45,174	42,753	-2,421	-5.4
Loudoun	20,313	20,989	676	3.3
Manassas	15,912	16,625	713	4.5
Medical Education	3,623	3,527	-96	-2.6
Woodbridge	18,134	17,898	-236	-1.3
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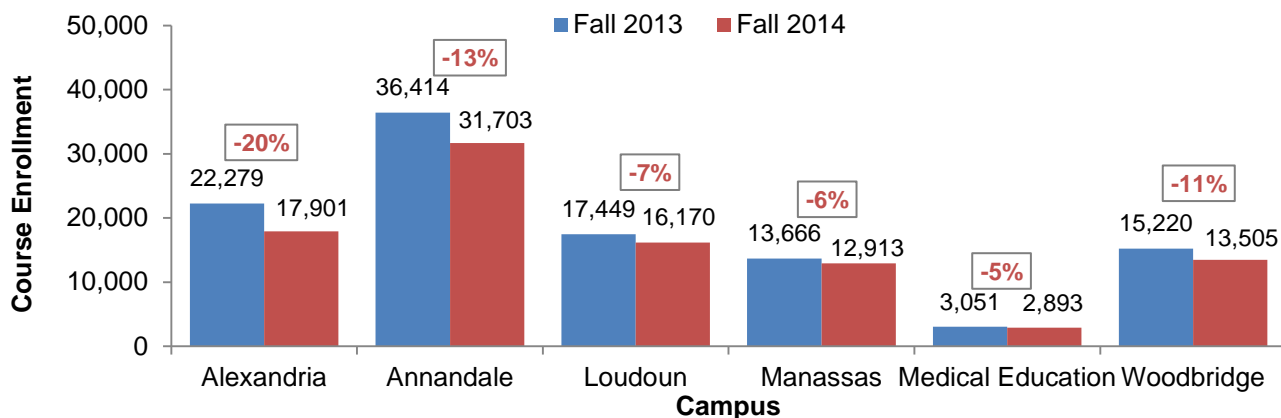
As can be seen in Table 4 and Figure 4 (next page), course enrollment in the 16-week and first 8-week sessions decreased from Fall 2013 to Fall 2014 at every campus. The largest decreases were at the two largest campuses, Alexandria and Annandale, where the combined 16-week and first 8-week session course enrollment decreased significantly (by 20 percent and 13 percent, respectively).

Table 4. Course Enrollment of NOVA Students in the 16-Week and 1st 8-Week Sessions Only: Fall 2013 and Fall 2014

Campus	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Difference from Fall 2013 to Fall 2014	
			#	%
Alexandria	22,279	17,901	-4,378	-19.7%
Annandale	36,414	31,703	-4,711	-12.9%
Loudoun	17,449	16,170	-1,279	-7.3%
Manassas	13,666	12,913	-753	-5.5%
Medical Education	3,051	2,893	-158	-5.2%
Woodbridge	15,220	13,505	-1,715	-11.3%
Total Course Enrollment	108,079	95,085	-12,994	-12.0%

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As can be seen in Table 5 and Figure 5, from Fall 2013 to Fall 2014, course enrollment in the second 8-week and dynamic sessions increased at every campus. The largest increases were at the Loudoun and Manassas Campuses (68 percent and 65 percent, respectively). These data may indicate that after being unable to register late for courses in the 16-week and first 8-week sessions, students enrolled in more courses in later sessions than in the previous fall semester (41 percent).

Table 5. Course Enrollment of NOVA Students in the 2nd 8-Week and Dynamic Sessions Only: Fall 2013 and Fall 2014

Campus	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Difference from Fall 2013 to Fall 2014	
			#	%
Alexandria	5,005	6,989	1,984	39.6%
Annandale	8,760	11,050	2,290	26.1%
Loudoun	2,864	4,819	1,955	68.3%
Manassas	2,246	3,712	1,466	65.3%
Medical Education	572	634	62	10.8%
Woodbridge	2,914	4,393	1,479	50.8%
Total Course Enrollment	22,361	31,597	9,236	41.3%

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