

Selected College Retention Resources

Below is a selective list of books, articles, and organizations related to college student retention. Contact Anne Marie Gruber at amgruber@dbq.edu or your department's librarian to suggest additions, if you need to place material on reserve, for office delivery of library materials, or if you need a list of available materials on a particular topic.

For other materials about college success for faculty and for students, search the library catalog for "Diamond Program". See also the Teaching & Learning bibliographies available on the library's [webpage](#) under For Faculty > Bibliographies.

Selected Books

[Teaching unprepared students : strategies for promoting success and retention in higher education](#)

by *Gabriel, Kathleen F. (Kathleen Faye)*, 1948-
Sterling, Va. : Stylus Pub., 2008.
UD Reserve Books
UD Reserves: Circulation Desk (1st Floor)
LB 2331.2 .G33 2008

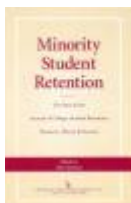
[The role of the classroom in college student persistence](#)

by *Braxton, John M.*
San Francisco : Jossey-Bass, 2008
Charles C. Myers Library
UD Circulating Collection: A-K (1st Floor) or L-Z (3rd Floor)
LC 148.2 .R6 2008



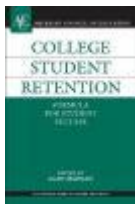
[Rethinking faculty work : higher education's strategic imperative](#)

by *Gappa, Judith M., Austin, Ann E., Trice, Andrea G.*, 1966-
San Francisco, CA : Jossey-Bass, c2007.
Charles C. Myers Library
UD Circulating Collection: A-K (1st Floor) or L-Z (3rd Floor)
LB 2331.72 .G375 2007



[Minority student retention : the best of the Journal of college student retention : research, theory, & practice](#)

by *Seidman, Alan*
Amityville, N.Y. : Baywood Pub., c2007.
Charles C. Myers Library
UD Circulating Collection: A-K (1st Floor) or L-Z (3rd Floor)
LC 3731 .M565 2007



[College student retention : formula for student success](#)

by *Seidman, Alan*

Westport, CT : Praeger Publishers, 2005.

Charles C. Myers Library

UD Circulating Collection: A-K (1st Floor) or L-Z (3rd Floor)

LC 148.2 .C65 2005



[Understanding and reducing college student departure](#)

by *Braxton, John M., Hirschy, Amy S., McClendon, Shederick A.*

San Francisco, Calif. : Jossey-Bass, c2004.

Charles C. Myers Library

UD Circulating Collection: A-K (1st Floor) or L-Z (3rd Floor)

LC 148.2 .B72 2004

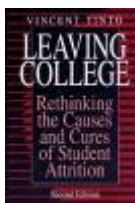
[Best practices for access and retention in higher education / \[electronic resource\]](#)

by *Duranczyk, Irene M., Higbee, Jeanne L., Lundell, Dana Britt., University of Minnesota. Center for Research on Developmental Education and Urban Literacy*
Minneapolis, MN : Center for Research on Developmental Education and Urban Literacy, General College, University of Minnesota, digital, PDF file, c2004.

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Electronic Books

Online



[Leaving college : rethinking the causes and cures of student attrition](#)

by *Tinto, Vincent*

Chicago ; London : University of Chicago Press, c1993.

Charles C. Myers Library

UD Circulating Collection: A-K (1st Floor) or L-Z (3rd Floor)

LC 148.15 .T56 1993



[College knowledge : what it really takes for students to succeed and what we can do to get them ready](#)

by *Conley, David T., 1948-*

San Francisco : Jossey-Bass, c2005.

Charles C. Myers Library

UD Circulating Collection: A-K (1st Floor) or L-Z (3rd Floor)

LB 2343.32 .C66 2005



[What matters in college? : four critical years revisited](#)

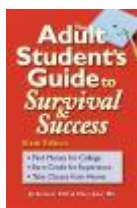
by *Astin, Alexander W.*

San Francisco : Jossey-Bass Publishers, c2001.

Charles C. Myers Library

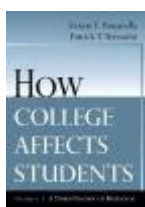
UD Circulating Collection: A-K (1st Floor) or L-Z (3rd Floor)

LA 229 .A7948 2001



[The adult student's guide to survival & success](#)

by *Siebert, Al, Karr, Mary, 1938-*
Portland, Or. : Practical Psychology Press, c2008.
Charles C. Myers Library
UD Circulating Collection: A-K (1st Floor) or L-Z (3rd Floor)
LB 2343.32 .S556 2008



[How college affects students : a third decade of research](#)

by *Pascarella, Ernest T., Terenzini, Patrick T.*
San Francisco : Jossey-Bass, c2005-
Charles C. Myers Library
UD Circulating Collection: A-K (1st Floor) or L-Z (3rd Floor)
LA 229 .P34 2005



[Challenging and supporting the first-year student : a handbook for improving the first year of college](#)

by *Upcraft, M. Lee, Gardner, John N., Barefoot, Betsy O. (Betsy Overman), 1944-*
San Francisco : Jossey-Bass, c2005.
Charles C. Myers Library
UD Circulating Collection: A-K (1st Floor) or L-Z (3rd Floor)
LB 2343.3 .U63 2005

Selected Articles

- Allen, J., Robbins, S. B., Casillas, A., & Oh, I. (2008). [Third-year college retention and transfer: Effects of academic performance, motivation, and social connectedness](#). *Research in Higher Education*, 49(7), 647-664.
- Bai, H., & Pan, W. (2010). [A multilevel approach to assessing the interaction effects on college student retention](#). *Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory & Practice*, 11(2), 287-301.
- Braunstein, A. W., Lesser, M. N., & Pescatrice, D. R. (2008). [The impact of a program for the disadvantaged on student retention](#). *College Student Journal*, 42(1), 36-40.
- Braxton, J. M. (2008). [Toward a scholarship of practice centered on college student retention](#). *New Directions for Teaching & Learning*, 2008(115), 101-112.
- Brier, E. M., Hirschy, A. S., & Braxton, J. M. (2008). [The strategic retention initiative: Theory-based practice to reduce college student departure](#). *About Campus*, 13(4), 18-20.
- Bringle, R. G., Hatcher, J. A., & Muthiah, R. N. (2010). [The role of service-learning on the retention of first-year students to second year](#). *Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning*, 16(2), 38-49.

- Copeland, K. J., & Levesque-Bristol, C. (2011). [The retention dilemma: Effectively reaching the first-year university student](#). *Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory & Practice*, 12(4), 485-515.
- DeWitz, S., Woolsey, M., & Walsh, W. (2009). [College student retention: An exploration of the relationship between self-efficacy beliefs and purpose in life among college students](#). *Journal of College Student Development*, 50(1), 19-34.
- Fincher, M. (2010). [Adult student retention: A practical approach to retention improvement through learning enhancement](#). *Journal of Continuing Higher Education*, 58(1), 12-18.
- Friedman, B. A., & Mandel, R. G. (2010). [The prediction of college student academic performance and retention: Application of expectancy and goal setting theories](#). *Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory & Practice*, 11(2), 227-246.
- Heaton-Shrestha, C., May, S., & Burke, L. (2009). [Student retention in higher education: What role for virtual learning environments?](#) *Journal of Further & Higher Education*, 33(1), 83-92.
- Howard, L. A., & Smith-Goodwin, E. A. (2010). [Student-to-student mentoring for retention: Both groups benefit](#). *Athletic Therapy Today*, 15(3), 14-17.
- Jamelske, E. (2009). [Measuring the impact of a university first-year experience program on student GPA and retention](#). *Higher Education*, 57(3), 373-391.
- Jones, W. A. (2010). [Football and freshmen retention: Examining the impact of college football on institutional retention rates](#). *Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory & Practice*, 11(4), 551-564.
- Longwell-Grice, R., & Longwell-Grice, H. (2008). [Testing Tinto: How do retention theories work for first-generation, working-class students?](#) *Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory & Practice*, 9(4), 407-420.
- Noble, K., & Henderson, R. (2011). [The promotion of "character" and its relationship to retention in higher education](#). *Australian Journal of Teacher Education*, 36(3), 79-91.
- Oseguera, L., & Byung Shik, R. (2009). [The influence of institutional retention climates on student persistence to degree completion: A multilevel approach](#). *Research in Higher Education*, 50(6), 546-569.
- Sanchez-Leguelinel, C. (2008). [Supporting "slumping" sophomores: Programmatic peer initiatives designed to enhance retention in the crucial second year of college](#). *College Student Journal*, 42(2), 637-646.
- Sidle, M., & McReynolds, J. (2009). [The freshman year experience: Student retention and student success](#). *NASPA Journal*, 46(3), 434-446.

- Siegel, M. J. (2011). [Reimagining the retention problem: Moving our thinking from end-product to by-product.](#) *About Campus*, 15(6), 8-18.
- Strayhorn, T. L. (2009). [An examination of the impact of first-year seminars on correlates of college student retention.](#) *Journal of the First-Year Experience & Students in Transition*, 21(1), 9-27.
- Trosset, C., & Weisler, S. (2010). [Using longitudinal assessment data to improve retention and student experiences.](#) *New Directions for Institutional Research*, (2), 79-88.
- Wessel, R. D., Jones, J. A., Markle, L., & Westfall, C. (2009). [Retention and graduation of students with disabilities: Facilitating student success.](#) *Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability*, 21(3), 116-125.
- Wohlgemuth, D., Whalen, D., Sullivan, J., Nading, C., Shelley, M., & Wang, Y. (2007). [Financial, academic, and environmental influences on the retention and graduation of students.](#) *Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory & Practice*, 8(4), 457-475.
- Wyatt, L. G. (2011). [Nontraditional student engagement: Increasing adult student success and retention.](#) *Journal of Continuing Higher Education*, 59(1), 10-20.

Additional Published Research

To find additional published research about college retention issues, search the ERIC education database.

This is the premier tool for accessing scholarly articles, government reports, etc. about all aspects of education, including higher education.

To access the database 24/7, go to the library webpage at www.dbq.edu/library. Under *Find Articles*, choose *Databases by Title > ERIC*. Search using relevant keywords such *college student retention*.

National Data

Retention reports from ACT: <http://www.act.org/research/policymakers/reports/retain.html>

Organizations

Center for the Study of College Student Retention (CSCSR): <http://www.cscsr.org/>

National College Access Network (NCAN): <http://www.collegeaccess.org/NCAN/>

National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA): <http://www.naspa.org/>

National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition: <http://www.sc.edu/fye/>