

Last Day of Attendance of Drop Outs, Fall 2011 Semester

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An important question for those who intend to help students stay in college is: When do the students we lose give up and fail to return? That is: What proportion of those who fail to come back the next semester makes it to the end of the semester before they decide not to return?

- 21% of students who did not return after session I left before Thanksgiving in Fall 2011.
- 19% of students who did not return after session II left before the end of January in Fall 2011.

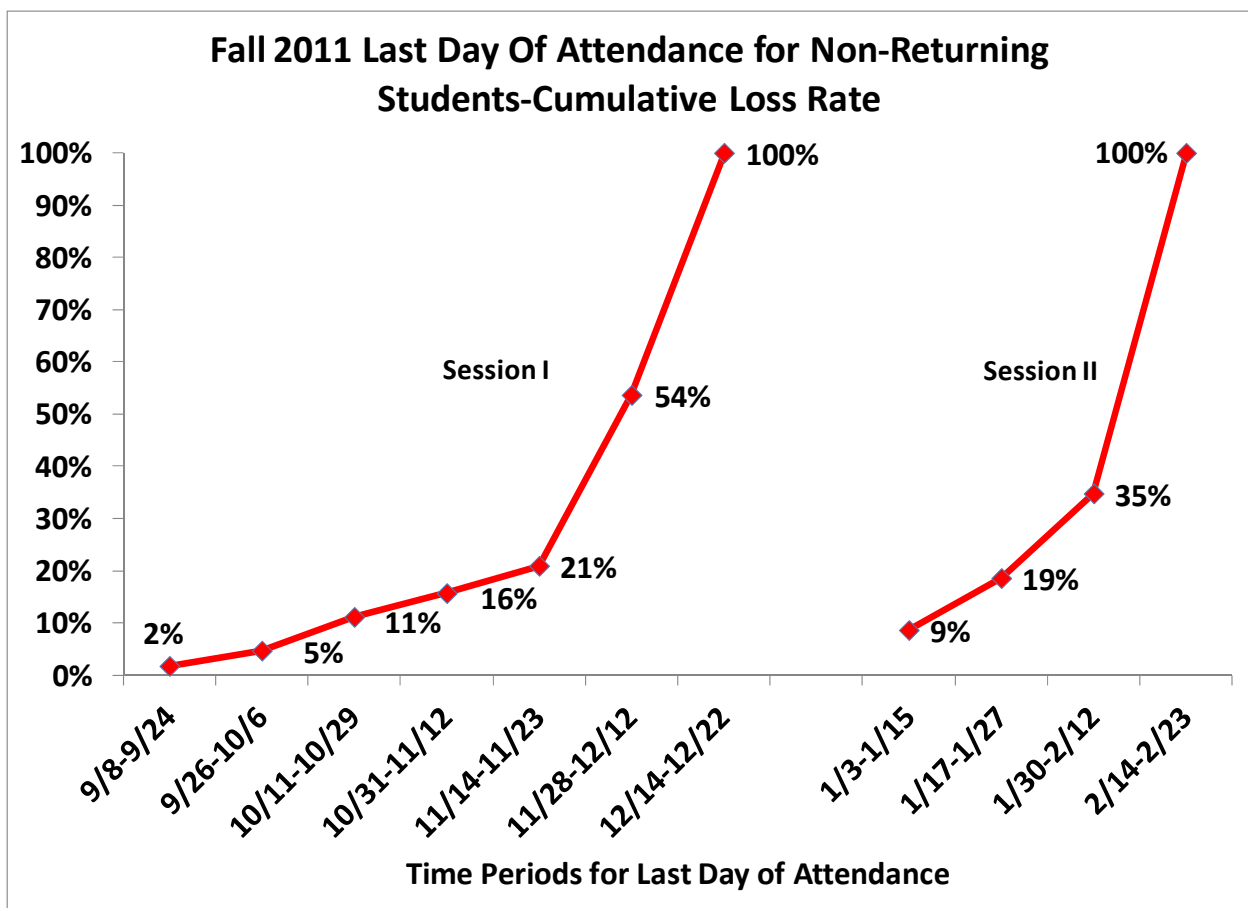


Figure 1

Figure 2 shows the numbers of students lost in each two-week (approximately) period in the Fall 2011 semester. The largest numbers of students drop out after attending all of a session or nearly all. 1,170 students attended through the end of Session I. 708 students attended through the end of Session II.

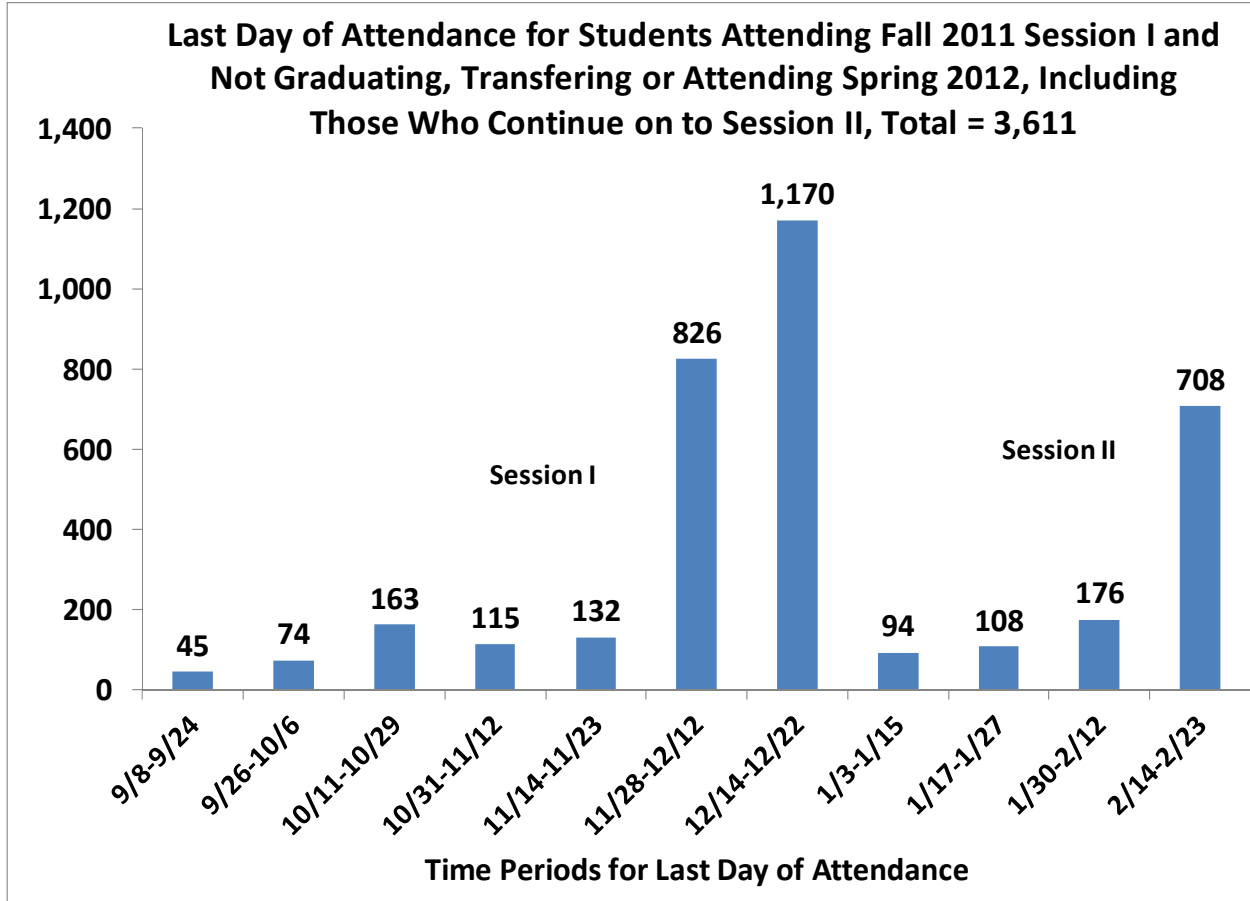


Figure 2

Notes:

- Data from the LaGuardia eAttendance system were used for this study.
- Students who attended only Session II were not included.
- Students with no positive attendance records were excluded.
- Attending any single class was counted as attendance on a particular day.
- Students where all faculty for that student stopped marking attendance part way through the semester would be counted as having stopped attending.
- Students who graduated immediately after Fall 2011, who were shown as attending another college in Spring 2012 by the Clearinghouse, or who attended the LaGCC Spring 2012 semester were excluded. Included students were either drop-outs or stop-outs.
- Last day to drop in Session I was 10/25. Last day to drop in Session II was 1/25.