

EDHI 665: College Access & Choice

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Course Overview, Purpose, & Objectives

The social and individual benefits of a college education are manifold. Given this reality, it is important to understand the college-going process, how and why some students successfully navigate it, and what policies and programs can help students from disadvantaged or underrepresented backgrounds overcome barriers to college access and entry. In this context, EDHI 665 examines critical questions pertaining to who goes to postsecondary education and the type of postsecondary institution she/he may attend. The course begins with an examination of the theoretical perspectives that are used to understand college choice and enrollment processes. It ends with an examination of outreach programs and the impact of college on students. Students will have the opportunity to apply theories and perspectives by conducting interviews and doing a comprehensive review of the literature on a college choice topic of their interest.

Student Outcomes

This course, *College Access and Choice*, blends theory, policy, and practice, and should be useful for both emerging scholars and practitioners. At the conclusion of the course:

- Students will be familiar with college choice theory and how it can be applied to influence policy and individual student cases
- Students will understand how and why grades K-12 are closely linked to postsecondary education
- Students will be familiar with the demographic characteristics of both college students as well as individuals who never apply to college
- Students will understand the various pathways to college and to a baccalaureate degree
- Students will understand the community college student experience, and barriers and determinants to transfer
- Students will have identified important research questions related to college access and choice
- Students will have had the opportunity to meet and network with several influential

- researchers and policymakers who work on issues related to college access and choice
- Students will be familiar with a variety of resources for finding information about colleges and recent policy movements to improve the information available.

Course Topics

- Pathways to postsecondary education
- Conceptual frameworks for examining college choice processes
- Outreach programs & their assessment
- Review of research on key factors on college choice
 - The role of the school and the community
 - The role of preparation for college
 - The role of culture and family
 - The role of information
- Perspectives on college enrollment
- Pathways to college completion
- Transfer

Required Texts

- Cabrera, A. F. & La Nasa, S. M. (2000). Understanding the college choice of disadvantaged students. *New Directions for Institutional Research*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.
- Tierney, W. G., Corwin, Z., & Colyar J. E. (2005). *Preparing for college: Nine elements of effective outreach*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- Purdue University (n.d.). Online writing lab. <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

Recommended Texts

- Attewell, P. & Lavin, D. E. (2007). *Passing the torch: Does Higher Education for the disadvantaged pay off across the generations?* New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Bowen, W., Chingos, M. M. & McPherson, M. S. (2009). *Crossing the finishing line: Completing college at America's public universities*. Princeton University.
- Heller, D. E. (2002). *Condition of access: Higher education for lower income students* (pp. 97-112). Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers (ACE/Oryx Series on Higher Education).
- Hossler, D., Schmit, J., & Vesper, N. (1999). *Going to college: How social, economic, and educational factors influence the decisions students make*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.
- Kim, Y. M. (2011). *Minorities in Higher Education: Twenty-fourth Status Report 2011 Supplement*. Washington, DC: American Council on Education.
- Tierney, W. G., & Hagedorn, L. S., (2002). *Increasing access to college: Extending the possibilities for all students* (pp. 15-34). Albany, NY: State University of New York Press.

Required Assignments

All assignments must be typed, double spaced, with one-inch margins, and in 12-pt. font. Please use APA style for references and formatting. You can find these guidelines in the *Publication Manual for the American Psychological Association*. Another excellent source is [Purdue's Online Writing Lab website](#). Use **scholarly references** – your work should be based on peer review scholarship and academic books and news sources such as *The Chronicle of Education*. Sometimes sources from the popular media are appropriate; however, be critical in assessing their worth. Do not cite work that you have not read, and only cite work in your reference list that you have used in your assignment.

Ongoing Assignment: Class Participation (10%): You are expected to be actively involved in the class and lead class discussions in a manner that demonstrates thoughtful reflection and understanding of the subject matter as well as respect for your colleagues in the class. Each student would be responsible for leading group discussions for a particular topic (e.g., student populations, outreach programs, conceptual frameworks). Finally, students are expected to attend all classes unless their absence is justified for religious or health reasons, participation in academic conferences, or family or work-related emergencies. Students who cannot attend class for justified reasons can work with the Professor and TA to make up credit missed as a result of their absence.

Assignment #1: College Choice Interview Paper & Presentation (30%)

This assignment is intended for you to synthesize the different perspectives about college choice and how personal experiences influence the selection of a particular postsecondary institution. Interview a traditionally aged (18 – 24) college freshman about his or her college choice process. Using conceptual frameworks and research evidence discussed in class complete a short essay (2-4 pages) describing your interviewee's college choice experiences and how it compares and/or contrasts the present models and theories in the literature. Make certain that your paper discusses implications for theory and practice as part of the conclusion section. Tables and references do not count in the page limit. Please use pseudonyms instead of the subject's true name. The oral presentation will take place on **March 10**. The short paper is due on **March 24**. Examples of the paper will be posted on Canvas.

Assignment #2: Annotated Bibliography (20%)

Develop an annotated bibliography of 5-10 books or scholarly peer-reviewed journal articles pertaining to a topic of college access or choice. The articles to be summarized should have been published in a top refereed journal. This assignment is closely related to the term paper. The annotated bibliography is due on **March 31**. Examples of the annotated bibliography will be posted on Canvas.

Assignment #3: Final Term Paper & Presentation (40%)

Trace the roots, present status, and future trends affecting an important current or emerging issue dealing with college choice or access. This assignment consists of two parts worth 20 points each: a) oral presentation, and b) term paper (to be completed either individually or on a group basis). Detailed guidelines will be provided in a separate handout later in the semester. Each component of the paper should address the following issues: **1. Introduction:** Provide a clear and direct statement of the topic under review; include a

brief description of the significance of the postsecondary issue, its roots and present status. Use statistics and opinions by experts to illustrate the importance of the topic. **2. Literature Review:** Identify, explain and discuss the conceptual framework(s) or perspective(s) that deal with your topic. Describe and summarize what is known about the topic under investigation; avoid presenting only abstracts. It is likely that you are going to find contradictory findings and points of view; present both of them. Not all studies need to be discussed in detail. If applicable, provide a summary of relevant legislation and court cases pertaining to your topic while describing why they are relevant. **3. Conclusion:** Indicate the extent to which findings answered your research question. What patterns did you observe? Can the findings be generalized? What are the limitations in the studies reviewed? Indicate if and what additional research is needed. Support your comments with references to relevant literature. This section should also discuss the practical (e.g. educational programs and practices) and theoretical implications of your findings while addressing those future trends that are likely to affect the educational issue under consideration.

FORMAT. The paper should be typed and carefully edited. The document should not exceed 30 pages. Citations, format and references should follow the APA style. *Oral presentations start on April 28 and end on May 5.* All papers are due **April 28, 2016.** Students can turn in completed and proofread manuscripts 2 weeks before the due date for unprejudiced reviews. Examples of the written report will be posted on Canvas.

Grading Criteria

Each written assignment will be graded on the following criteria:

- Organization, Logic, & Development of Ideas
- Writing Clarity & Quality
- Soundness of Analysis
- Relevance & Quality of Literature Review
- Thoughtful Discussion of Implications to Policy & Practice
- Accurate Formatting, Referencing, and Style
- Well-Reasoned Justification of Topic Choice (Final Term Paper Only)

Assessment Policy

ASSIGNMENT	% OF GRADE	DUE DATE
Class Participation	10	Every Class
Assignment # 1	30	Presentation: March 10 Paper: March 24
Assignment # 2	20	March 31
Assignment # 3	40	Presentation: April 28/May 5 Paper: April 28
Total	100	

Important note: A penalty of 10% will be applied to all assignments turned in after the deadline.

It is your responsibility to inform me before class if you will not be able to attend, be late, or will need to leave early.

Grading Scale

99-100 A+	87-89 B+	76 -79 C+	64-67 D+
94-98 A	84-86 B	72 -75 C	60-63 D
90-93 A-	80-83 B-	68-71 C-	< 60 F

Absence Due to Religious Holidays or Academic Conferences

You will not be penalized because of your religious beliefs and observances. Whenever possible, you will be given reasonable time to make up any academic assignment that is missed due to a religious obligation or observance. Please inform me of any conflicts between the course schedule and religious observances as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements may be made.

This is the case for participation in academic conferences as well. I am aware of when most academic conferences are and have tried to make sure that assignments do not conflict with those dates. However, should there be a conflict please let me know as soon as possible so that we can make other arrangements.

Inclement Weather

Official closures and delays are announced on the university Web site (www.umd.edu) and on the snow phone line, 301-405-SNOW (7669).

Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism, and fabrication will not be tolerated and will be reported to the University. Additional information on the Code of Academic Integrity is available on the web at: <http://www.shc.umd.edu/code.html>.

Special Needs

If you have a documented disability or any other special need and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact me as soon as possible. The University is obligated, whenever possible, to provide appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities. Students who have questions about their rights or accommodations may contact the Disability Support Service at 301-314-7682 or <http://counseling.umd.edu/DSS/>. Disability Support Services is located in Shoemaker 0126.

Course Contingency Plan

Should an emergency arise that closes the University for an extended period of time, I will be in contact, if possible, with additional instructions. Assignment due dates and readings may be altered depending on the length of time class might be canceled.

Course Evaluation

As a member of our academic community, you as a student have a number of important responsibilities. One of these responsibilities is to submit your course evaluations each term through CourseEvalUM in order to help faculty and administrators improve teaching and learning at Maryland. Please watch for the dates the system will open for evaluation of the semester and make a note of the link at which you can access the submission system: <https://www.courseevalum.umd.edu/>

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January 28	<p>Introduction Distribute assignment # 1: college choice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factors mattering most on the pathways to postsecondary education. • Transfer • The college choice process • College choice information resources and tools – an overview (e.g., College Scorecard, Net Price Calculators) • Aspirations, preparation & enrollment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The role of the school ○ The role of family and the community ○ The role of ability to pay • Bridging the K-12 – postsecondary education gap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outreach policies & programs <p><i>Distribute sign up to lead class discussion</i> <i>Distribute sign up for snacks.</i></p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS</u> Corwin, Z. B., Colyar, J. E. & Tierney, W. G. (2005). Introduction: Engaging research and practice – Extracurricular and curricular influences on college access (pp. 1-12). <u>Textbook.</u> Fitzgerald, B. K. & Delaney, J. A. (2003). Educational opportunity in America. Chapter 1. In D.E. Heller (Ed.). <i>Condition of access: Higher education for lower income students</i> (pp. 3-25). Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers (ACE/Oryx Series on Higher Education). <u>Available in Canvas.</u></p>
February 4	<p>Pathways to postsecondary education <i>Central questions:</i> What are the pathways to postsecondary education?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How different students follow different pathways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lowest SES students ○ First generation college students ○ Minorities • What matters most for at each milestone on the pathway to postsecondary education? <p>Movie: The College Track: Who's In, Who's Out In class exercise: On the path to college</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS</u> Cabrera, A. F. & La Nasa S. M. (2000). Understanding the college choice of disadvantaged students. Chapters 2 & 3. <u>Textbook.</u> - Start with these readings. McDonough, P. M. & Fann, A. J. (2007). The study of inequality. In Patricia Gumpert (Ed.). <i>Sociology of higher education: Contributions and their contexts</i> (pp. 53-93). Maryland, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press. <u>Available in Canvas.</u></p>

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	<p>Perna, L. W. (2000). Racial/ethnic group differences in college enrollment decisions. In Cabrera & La Nasa (2000). Chapter 5. <u>Textbook</u>.</p>
February 11	<p>Conceptual frameworks on college choice: The economic perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment decisions as a result of cost/benefits considerations • Elements of enrollment management • The role of financial aid as an enrollment management tool <p><i>Central questions:</i> What role ability to pay plays in making decisions about attending college? In class exercise: Choosing colleges given different student aid packages and tuition costs.</p> <p><i>Tentative topics for term project due</i></p> <p>Guest speaker: Jamey Rorison, Ph.D. Research Analyst, Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP)</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS</u></p> <p>Baum, S. & Schwartz, S. (2012). Is College Affordable? In Search of a Meaningful Definition. Washington, DC. The Institute for Higher Education Policy. <u>Available in Canvas</u></p> <p>Cabrera, A. F. & La Nasa S. M. (2000). Understanding the college choice of disadvantaged students. Chapter 1. <u>Textbook</u>. -Start with this reading</p> <p>DesJardines, S. L., Ahlburg, D. A. & McCall, B. P. (2006). An integrated model of application, admission, enrollment, and financial aid. <i>Journal of Higher Education</i>, 77(3), 383-427. <u>Available in Canvas</u>.</p> <p>McDonough, P. M. & Calderone, S. (2010). The meaning of money: Perceptual differences between college counselors and low-income families about college costs and financial aid. <i>American Behavioral Scientist</i>, 12, 1703-1718. <u>Available in Canvas</u>.</p> <p>Castleman, B. L. (2013). Prompts, Personalization, And Pay-Offs: Strategies To Improve The Design And Delivery Of College And Financial Aid Information. Retrieved September 12, 2013 from http://scholar.harvard.edu/files/bencastleman/files/castleman_-_prompts_personalization_and_payoffs_-_august_2013_0.pdf</p> <p>Carey, K. (March 8, 2013). Fixing financial aid. <i>Chronicle of Higher Education: The Chronicle Review</i>. B6-B9. Retrieve on March 6, 2013 from http://chronicle.com/article/Fixing-Financial-Aid/137593/</p> <p>Supiano, B. (September 12, 2013). How behavioral science could improve college access. <i>Chronicle of Higher Education</i>. Retrieved September 12, 2013 from http://chronicle.com/blogs/headcount/how-behavioral-science-can-improve-college-access-efforts/36313</p> <p>Also explore the following websites: Trends in College Prices: http://trends.collegeboard.org/college-pricing Trends in Student Aid: http://trends.collegeboard.org/student-aid College Measures: http://www.collegemeasures.org/4-year_colleges/home/</p>

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February 18	<p>College choice: Bridging K-12 with postsecondary education <i>Central questions:</i> <i>What kinds of outreach programs are out there?</i> <i>Who benefits from such programs?</i> <i>What are the characteristics of successful outreach programs?</i> <i>How can K-12 and PSE institutions collaborate to help these outreach programs succeed?</i></p> <p>Guest Speakers: Dr. Alex Chough, Vice President for Government Relations at NCCEP</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS</u> Corwin, Z. B., Colyar, J. E. & Tierney, W. G. (2005). <i>Introduction</i>. In W.G. Tierney, Z. B. Corwin & J. E. Colyar (Eds.). <i>Preparing for college: Nine elements of effective outreach</i>. Textbook. Cabrera, A. F., Deil-Amen, R., Prabhu, R., Terenzini, P. T., Lee, C., & Franklin, R. F., Jr. (2006). Increasing the college preparedness of at-risk students. <i>Journal of Latinos and Education</i>, 5(2), 79-97. Available in Canvas. Cabrera, A. F. & La Nasa, S. M. (2000). Understanding the college choice of disadvantaged students. Chapters 1 & 3, Textbook. Perna, L. W. (2002). Precollege outreach programs: Characteristics of programs serving historically underrepresented groups of students. <i>Journal of College Student Development</i>, 43(1), 64-83. Available in Canvas.</p>
February 25	<p>College choice: conceptual frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College choice as stages • College choice as a process • College choice as a nested process <p><i>Central question:</i> <i>What motivates individuals to make decisions about attending college?</i> In class exercise: What mattered most on your own college choice process?</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS</u> Cabrera, A. F. & La Nasa S. M. (2000). Understanding the college choice of disadvantaged students. Chapter 1. Textbook. Hossler, D. Braxton, J. & Coopersmith, G. (2003). Understanding student college choice. In Stage et. al. <i>Theoretical perspectives on college students</i> (pp. 5-42). Available in Canvas. Perna, L. W. (2006). Studying college choice: A proposed conceptual model. In J. C. Smart (Ed.), <i>Higher Education: Handbook of theory and research</i>, Vol. XXI (pp. 99-157). Available in Canvas. Bonous-Hammarth, M. & Allen, W. (2005). A dream deferred: The critical factor of timing in college preparation and outreach. In Tierney, W. G., Corwin, Z., Colyar J. (2005). <i>Preparing for college: Nine elements of effective outreach</i>. Textbook. Rios-Aguilar, C., Kiyama, J. M., Gravitt, M., & Moll, L. C. (2011). Funds of knowledge for the poor and forms of capital for the rich? A capital approach to examining funds of</p>

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	knowledge. <i>Theory and Research in Education</i> , 9(2), 163-184. <u>Available in Canvas.</u>
March 3	<p>College choice: The role of preparation for college <i>Central questions:</i> <i>What role preparation for college plays?</i> <i>How curricular activities matter?</i> <i>Are college preparatory programs effective?</i> Assignment # 1 written report due Guest Speaker: Dr. Wendell Hall, Senior Director, Policy Advocacy, The College Board (TBD)</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS</u> Cabrera, A. F. & La Nasa S. M. (2000). Understanding the college choice of disadvantaged students. Chapters 1 & 3. <u>Textbook.</u> Hearn, J. C. & Holdsworth, J. M. (2005). Curricular activities and student college prospects: Is there a connection. In W. G. Tierney, Z. B. Corwin & J. E. Colyar (Eds.). <i>Preparing for College: Nine elements of effective outreach</i> (pp. 135-155). Albany, NY: SUNY Press. <u>Textbook.</u> Perna, L.W. (2004). The key to college access: Rigorous academic preparation. In W. G. Tierney, Z. B. Corwin & J. E. Colyar (Eds.). <i>Preparing for College: Nine elements of effective outreach.</i> (pp. 113-134). Albany, NY: SUNY Press. <u>Textbook.</u> Kim, J., Kim, J., DesJardins, S. L. & McCall, B. P. (2015). Completing algebra II in high school: Does it increase college access and success? <i>Journal of Higher Education</i>, 86(4) 628-662. <u>Available in Canvas.</u></p>
March 10	<p>College choice decisions: Presentations and class discussion of the college choice assignment Assignment # 1 oral report due</p>
March 17	<i>Spring Break</i>
March 24	<p>College choice: The role of the school and the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking High School Counseling with College Counseling <i>Central questions:</i> <i>What role does the school play in the college choice process?</i> <i>What role does counseling play in the college choice process?</i> <i>What role does the community play in the college choice process?</i> <i>What role does information literacy play in college choice process?</i> <i>What is building a school culture of college going all about?</i></p> <p>Show the movie: The college track: Expect the best</p>

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	<p>Guest Speaker: Dr. Cheryl Holcomb-McCoy, Vice Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor at Johns Hopkins University's School of Education, John Hopkins University.</p> <p>REQUIRED READINGS</p> <p>Corwin, Z. B. & Tierney, W. G. (2007). <i>Getting there – and beyond: Building a culture of college-going in high schools</i>. Center for Higher Education Policy Analysis. <u>Available in Canvas.</u></p> <p>Engberg, M. E. & Gilbert, A. J. (2014). The counseling opportunity structure: Examining correlates of four-year college going rates. <i>Research in Higher Education</i>, 55 (3), 219-244. <u>Available in Canvas.</u></p> <p>MacAllum, K., Glover, D., Queen, B., & Riggs, A. (2007). Deciding on Postsecondary Education: Final Report. NPEC 2008–850. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Education, National Postsecondary Education Cooperative. Retrieved online at http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2008/2008850.pdf</p> <p>McDonough, P. M. (2005). Counseling matters: Knowledge, assistance, and organizational commitment in college preparation. In W. G. Tierney, Z. B. Corwin & J. E. Colyar (Eds.). <i>Preparing for College: Nine elements of effective outreach</i> (pp. 69-88). Albany, NY: SUNY Press. <u>Textbook.</u></p> <p>McClafferty, K. A., McDonough, P. M. & Nunez, A. M. (2002). <i>What is a college culture? Facilitating college preparation through organizational change</i>. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Educational Research Association. New Orleans. <u>Available in Canvas.</u></p>
March 31	<p>College choice: The role of culture & family</p> <p><i>Central questions:</i></p> <p><i>What enables individuals to be prepared for college?</i></p> <p><i>What role does culture play?</i></p> <p><i>What role does family play?</i></p> <p>Show the movie: Éxito escolar (Academic Success)</p> <p>Annotated bibliography due</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Dr. Chrystal A. George Mwangi, Assistant Professor University of Massachusetts Amherst</p> <p>REQUIRED READINGS</p> <p>Cabrera, A. F. & La Nasa S. M. (2000). Understanding the college choice of disadvantaged students. Chapters 1 & 3, <u>Textbook.</u></p> <p>Espino, M. M. (February 2, 2015). Our college choice: Uncovering a familial-and-culturally based college decision-making process. A community of Higher Ed Scholars. Retrieved February 2, 2015 from http://aeradivisionj.blogspot.com/2015/02/our-college-choice-uncovering-familial.html</p> <p>George Mwangi, Ch. A. (2015). (Re) Examining the role of family and community in college access and choice: A metasynthesis. <i>Review of Higher Education</i>, 39(1),</p>

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	<p>123-151. <u>Available in Canvas.</u></p> <p>Rowan-Kenyon, H., Bell, A. D., & Perna, L. W. (2008). Contextual influences on parental involvement in college going. <i>Journal of Higher Education</i>, 79(5), 564-586. <u>Available in Canvas.</u></p> <p>Tierney, W. G. & Colyar, J. E. (2004). Toward developing an untapped resource: The role of families in college preparation. In W. G. Tierney, Z B. Corwin & J. E. Colyar (Eds.). <i>Preparing for College: Nine elements of effective outreach</i> (pg. 29-48). Albany, NY: SUNY Press. <u>Textbook.</u></p> <p>Villalpando, O. & Solorzano, D. G. (2004). The role of culture in collage preparatory programs: A review of the research literature. In W. G. Tierney, Z. B. Corwin & J. E. Colyar (Eds.). <i>Preparing for College: Nine elements of effective outreach</i> (pg. 13-28). Albany, NY: SUNY Press. <u>Textbook.</u></p> <p>Kamenetz, A (January 15, 2015). A new study reveals much about how parents really choose schools. Npr. Retrieved January 16, 2015 from http://tinyurl.com/qfxxu5q</p>
April 7	No class – AERA, Washington, DC
April 14	<p>Transfer Central questions: <i>What matters most in transferring to a four-year degree institution?</i> <i>What is the impact of community college attendance on baccalaureate attainment?</i> The Community College Transfer Calculator</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Dr. Teri Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Maryland System</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS</u></p> <p>Hagedorn, L.S., Cabrera, A.F., & Prather, G. (2010-11) <i>The Community College Transfer Calculator: Identifying the Course-Taking Patterns that Predict Transfer.</i> <i>Journal of College Student Retention</i>, 12(1), 105-130. <u>Available in Canvas.</u></p> <p>Hagedorn, L. S., Moon, H. S., Cypers, S., Maxwell, W. E., & Lester, J. (2006). Transfer between community colleges and four-year colleges: The all American game. <i>Community College Journal of Research and Practice</i>, 30(3), 223-242. <u>Available in Canvas.</u></p> <p>Jenkins, D. & Fink, J. (2016). Tracking transfer: New measures of institutional and state effectiveness in helping community college students attain bachelor’s degree. Community College Research Center, Aspen Institute and the National Student Clearinghouse. http://ccrc.tc.columbia.edu/media/k2/attachments/tracking-transfer-institutional-state-effectiveness.pdf</p>

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	<p>Pérez, P.A. & Ceja, M. (2009). Building a Latina/o Student Transfer Culture: Best Practices and Outcomes in Transfer to Universities. <i>Journal of Hispanic Higher Education</i>, 9(1), 6-21. Available in Canvas</p>
April 21	<p>Pathways to degree completion Central questions: <i>What matters most in securing a baccalaureate degree?</i> <i>What is the role of financial aid in degree completion?</i> <i>What are the pathways to a college for minority and low-SES students?</i> <i>How stable financial aid packaging impacts the college experience across time?</i> <i>What is the completion agenda and who is involved? What are the potential unintended consequences of a policy focus on student completion?</i></p> <p>IHEP Documentary: “Degrees of Hope: Redefining Access for 21st Century Students”</p> <p>REQUIRED READINGS Cabrera, A.F., Burkum, K.R., & LaNasa, S.M, & Bibo, E.W. (2012). Pathways to a Four-Year Degree: Determinants of Degree Completion (pp.167-210). In A. Seidman (Ed.), <i>College Student Retention: Formula for Student Success</i>. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers. Available in Canvas- Start with this reading. St. John, E. P., Cabrera, A.F., Nora, A. & Asker, E.H. (2000). Economic influences on persistence. In J. M. Braxton (Ed.). <i>Reworking the student departure puzzle: New theory and research on college student retention</i>. (pp. 29-47). Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press. Available in Canvas. Bowen, W. G., Chingos, M. M. & McPherson, M. S. (2009). <i>Crossing the finish line</i>. Chapter 3: Finishing college at public universities (pp. 32-56). Princeton University Press. Available in Canvas. Swail, W. S., Cabrera, A. F., Lee, C., & Williams, A. (2005). Part III: <i>Pathways to the bachelor’s degree for Latino students</i>. Washington, DC.: The Educational Policy Institute. Available in Canvas.</p> <p>Also explore the following website: http://completionagenda.collegeboard.org/ http://www.completecollege.org/</p>
April 28	<p>Student presentations</p> <p><i>Term paper due</i></p>
May 5	<p>Student presentations end</p>

RECOMMENDED READINGS

January 28: COURSE OVERVIEW & INTRODUCTIONS

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Carnevale, A. P. & Fry, R. A. (2003). The demographic window of opportunity: College access and diversity in the new century. In Heller, D. E. (Ed.) *Condition of access: Higher education for lower income students* (pp. 137-152). Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers ACE/Oryx Series.

February 4: PATHWAYS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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Carnevale, A. P. & Fry, R. A. (2003). The demographic window of opportunity: College access and diversity in the new century. In D.E. Heller (Ed.). *Condition of access: Higher education for lower income students* (pp. 137--152). Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers (ACE/Oryx Series on Higher Education).

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March 10: STUDENT PRESENTATIONS
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March 24: COLLEGE CHOICE: THE ROLE OF PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE

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April 14: TRANSFER

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