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Executive Summary

Overview

- Looking at the Culinary Arts program, specific courses were chosen based on the following criteria: 25% or higher yearly withdrawal (taken from the 2000 Hospitality Course Completions report) and an overall class size of at least ten students. Using these criteria, five courses were retained for study (seven courses met the standards, but only five were found in the withdrawal database).

Major Findings

- Responses were generally low (excepting HEA 151) and varied. For FST 124, HEA 151, and CUL 203, the most common response for withdrawal was *a time conflict with work*.
- For FST 224, *dissatisfaction with the instructor*, *dissatisfaction with the course content*, and a *heavy credit load* were noted reasons for withdrawal.
- FST 110.3 had several reasons noted, but the most common reason was for *personal finance issues*.
- The average number of credits *before* withdrawal from Culinary Arts courses was 9.69 credits per student. The average number of credits *after* withdrawal was 5.6 credits per student.

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FST 110.3 (Storeroom I)

<i>Overall N</i>	<i>Number of Withdrawals</i>	<i>% Withdrawal (yearly)</i>
16	8	50%

Reasons For Withdrawal (n=4)

	No	Yes
Personal Finance Issues	1	3
Missed Too Many Classes	3	1
Unsatisfied With Course Content	3	1
Unhappy With Instructor	3	1
Time Conflict With Work	3	1
Family Responsibilities	3	1
Medical Reasons/ Illness	3	1
Academically Unprepared	4	0
Class Moves Too Fast	4	0
Credit Load Too Heavy	4	0
Course Won't Transfer	4	0
Misadvised By Staff	4	0
Not Required/ Changed Major	4	0

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FST 224 (Hospitality Marketing)

Overall N	Number of Withdrawals	% Withdrawal (yearly)
13	5	38%

Reasons For Withdrawal (n=3)

	No	Yes
Unhappy With Instructor	1	2
Credit Load Too Heavy	2	1
Unsatisfied With Course Content	2	1
Academically Unprepared	3	0
Class Moves Too Fast	3	0
Course Won't Transfer	3	0
Misadvised By Staff	3	0
Missed Too Many Classes	3	0
Not Required/ Changed Major	3	0
Time Conflict With Work	3	0
Family Responsibilities	3	0
Medical Reasons/ Illness	3	0
Personal Finance Issues	3	0

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FST 124 (Menu Planning)

Overall N	Number of Withdrawals	% Withdrawal (yearly)
20	7	35%

Reasons For Withdrawal (n=2)

	No	Yes
Time Conflict With Work	0	2
Course Won't Transfer	1	1
Misadvised By Staff	1	1
Family Responsibilities	1	1
Medical Reasons/ Illness	1	1
Academically Unprepared	2	0
Class Moves Too Fast	2	0
Credit Load Too Heavy	2	0
Missed Too Many Classes	2	0
Not Required/ Changed Major	2	0
Unsatisfied With Course Content	2	0
Unhappy With Instructor	2	0
Personal Finance Issues	2	0

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HEA 151 (Nutrition)

Overall N	Number of Withdrawals	% Withdrawal (yearly)
171	56	33%

Reasons For Withdrawal (n=138)

	No	Yes	% Yes
Time Conflict With Work	75	63	84%
Not Required/ Changed Major	111	27	24%
Family Responsibilities	113	25	22%
Class Moves Too Fast	115	23	20%
Unhappy With Instructor	115	23	20%
Academically Unprepared	117	21	18%
Credit Load Too Heavy	118	20	17%
Missed Too Many Classes	121	17	14%
Personal Finance Issues	120	17	14%
Unsatisfied With Course Content	125	13	10%
Medical Reasons/ Illness	124	13	10%
Course Won't Transfer	130	8	6%
Misadvised By Staff	133	5	4%

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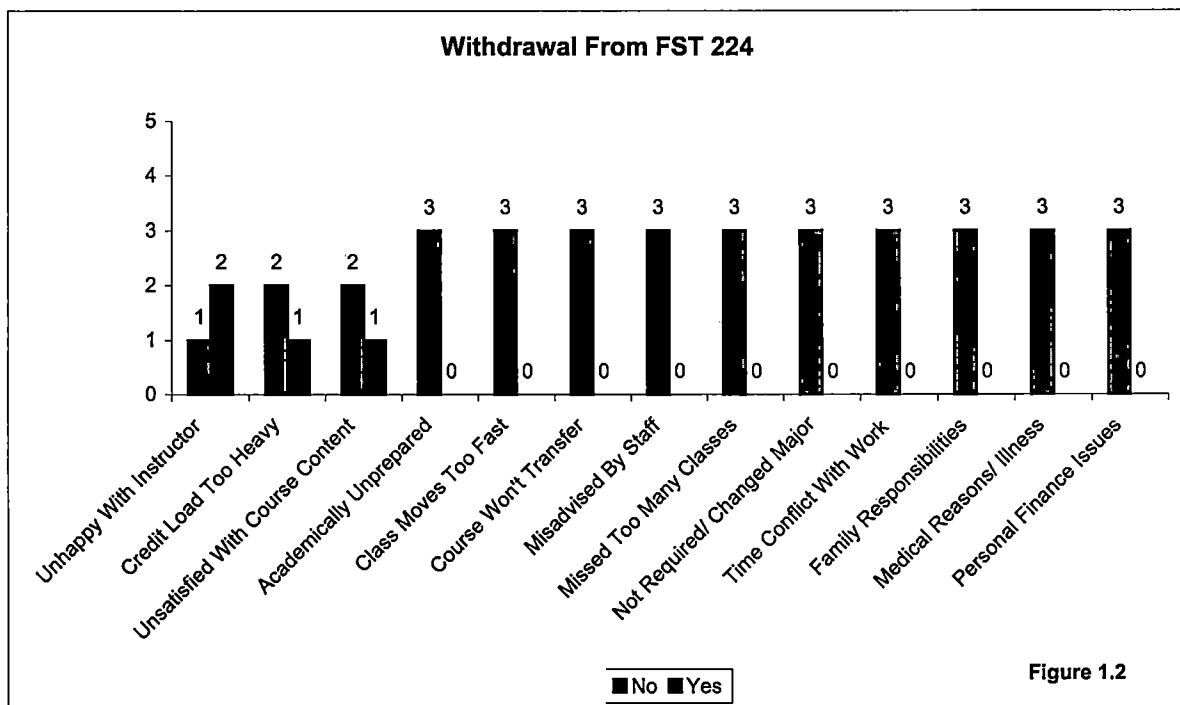
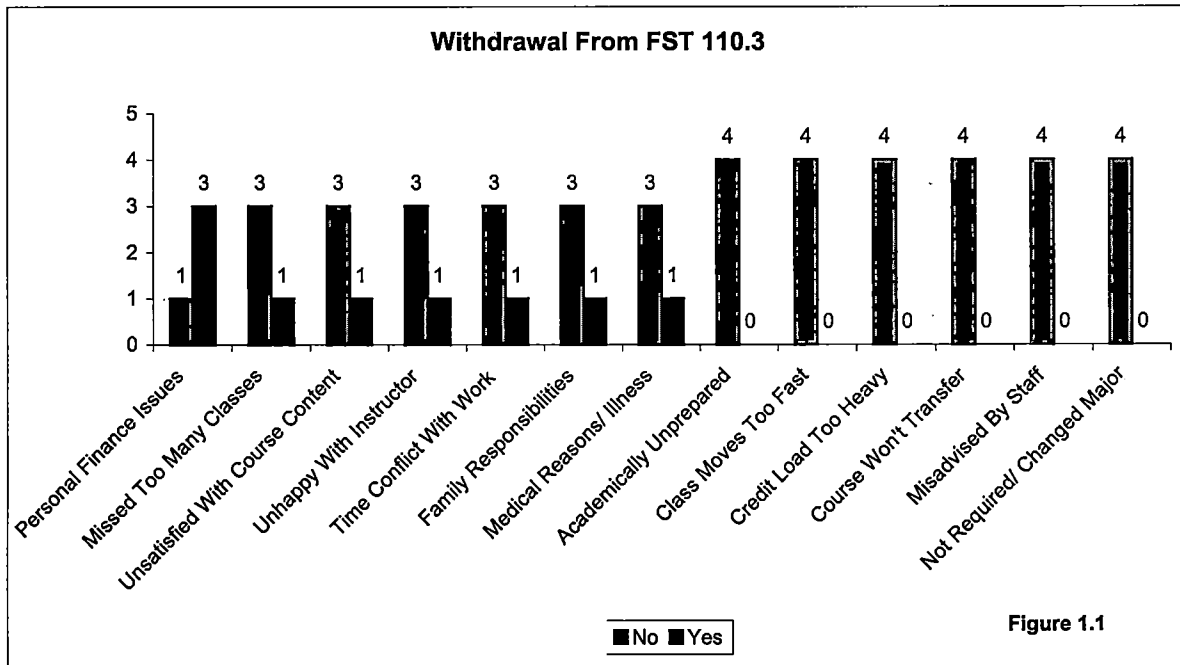
CUL 203 (Food Purchasing and Storage)

Overall N	Number of Withdrawals	% Withdrawal (yearly)
13	4	31%

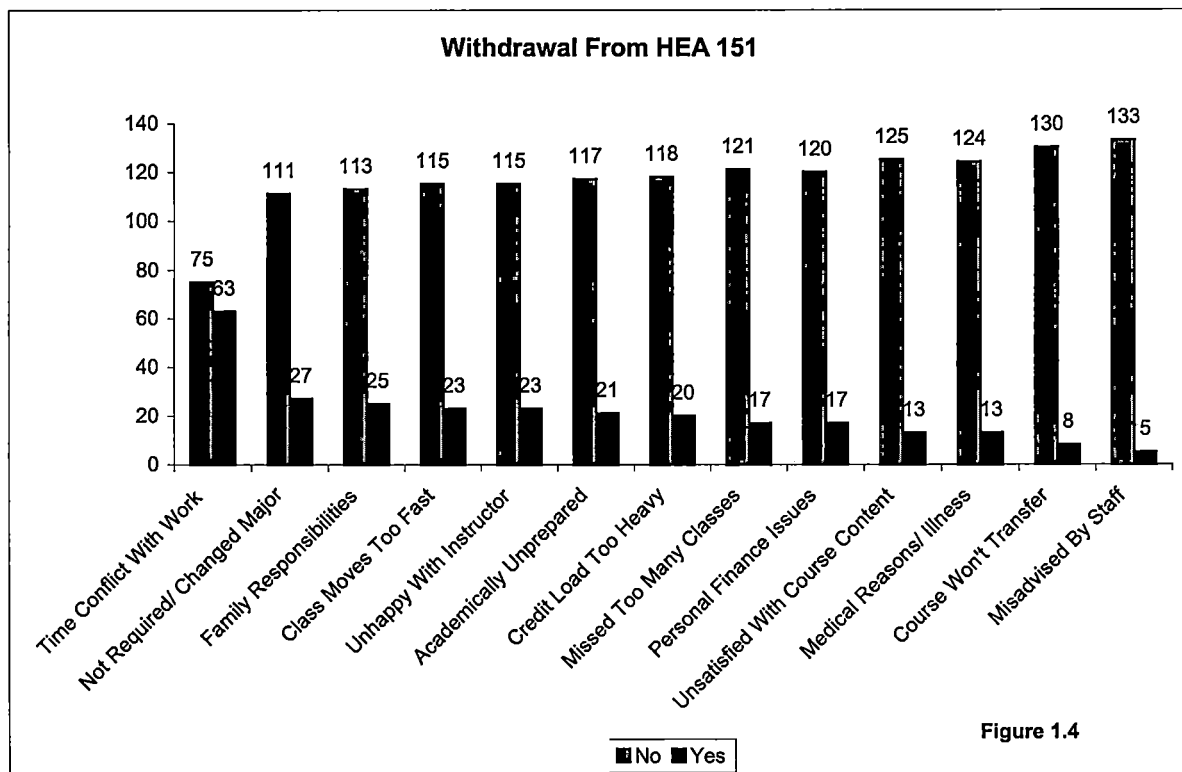
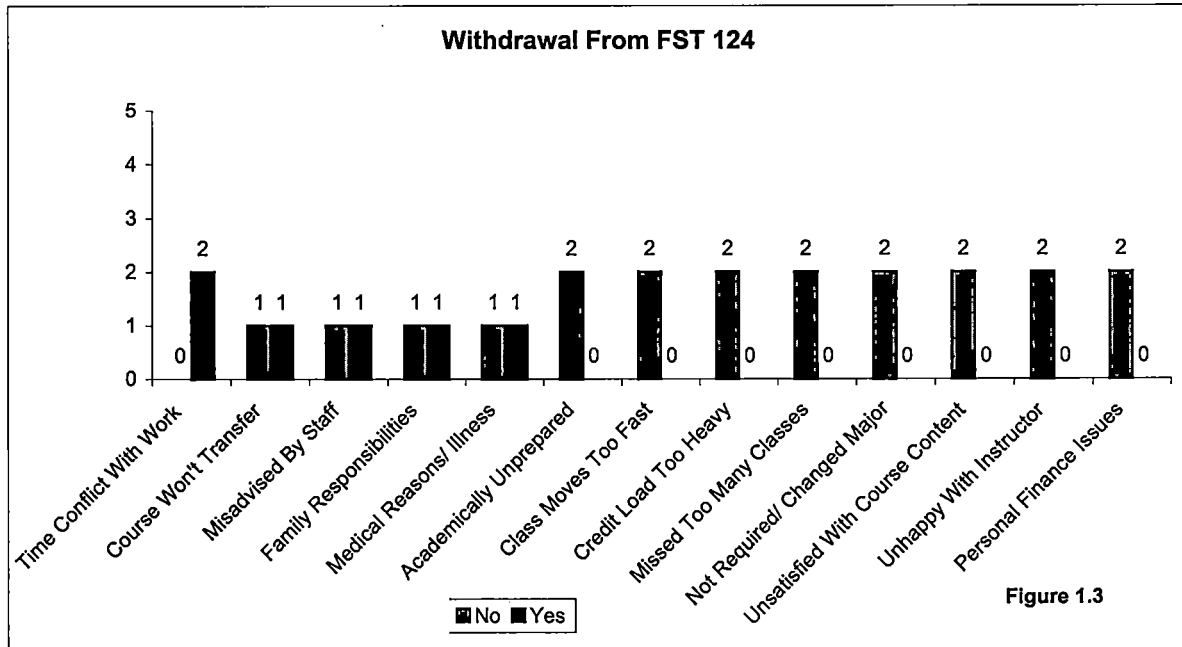
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	No	Yes
Time Conflict With Work	0	3
Missed Too Many Classes	1	2
Family Responsibilities	2	1
Medical Reasons/ Illness	2	1
Academically Unprepared	3	0
Class Moves Too Fast	3	0
Credit Load Too Heavy	3	0
Course Won't Transfer	3	0
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Unsatisfied With Course Content	3	0
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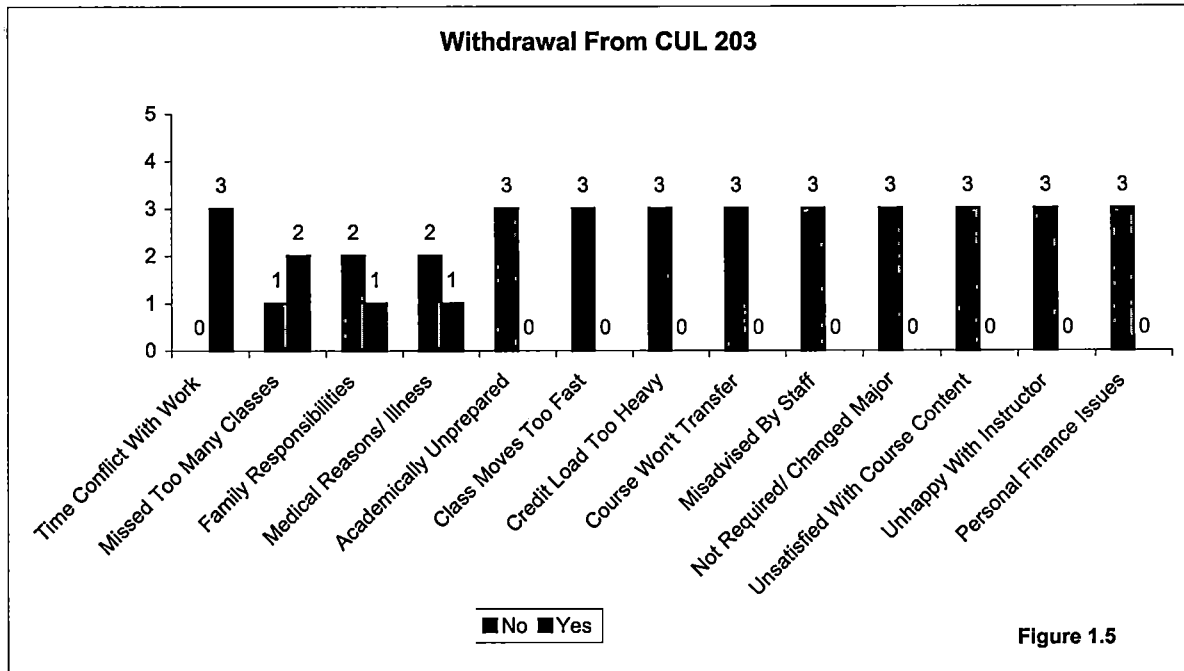
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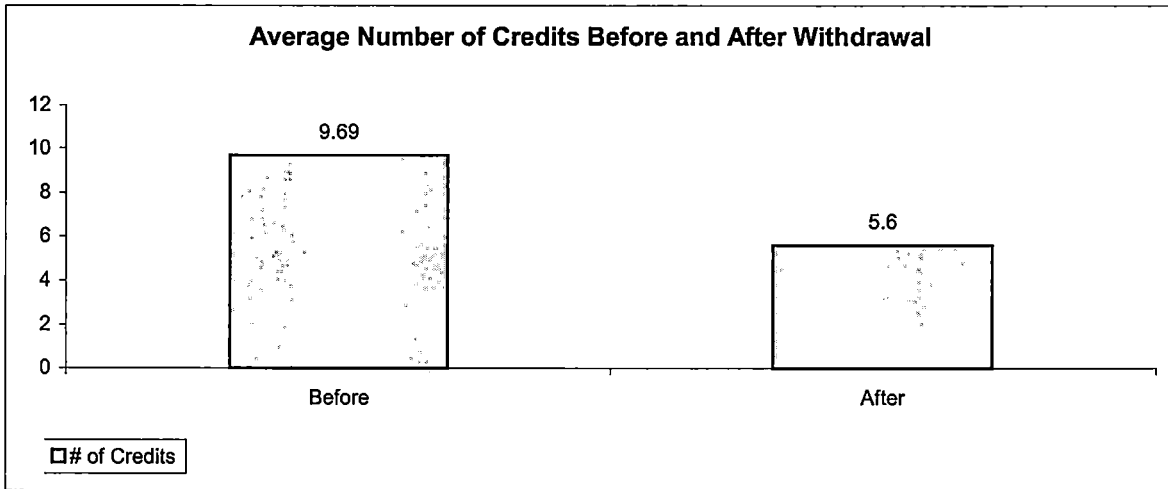
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While not surprising to note that the average number credits drops after withdrawal from classes, it is interesting to note that students are still enrolled. Of the 52 students who were registered for at least one credit BEFORE withdrawal, only 23% completely withdrew completely from classes (12 students).