1. Overall student success is the sum of the retention and graduation rates.

2. Retention rate is the percentage of new, full-time students from a given Fall entering cohort who are still enrolled at UCI in the Fall Quarter of each succeeding year. For example, 92.7% of new freshmen who entered UCI in Fall 2011 were still enrolled in Fall 2012 (the Fall Quarter of their second year).

3. Retention is tracked based on students' entering cohorts, and students are not excluded from the cohort once not retained. Therefore, it is possible for a student to "stop out" for a period of time and be counted as not retained for one year and retained for the next year. For example, a student who does not return the fall of their 3rd year but comes back the fall of their 4th year will be counted as not retained at the beginning of their 3rd year and retained at the beginning of their 4th year.

4. The graduation rate is the percentage of new, full-time students from a given Fall entering cohort who have graduated by the end of each succeeding year (using the Fall-to-Summer degree year). For example, 71.6% of new freshmen who entered UCI in Fall 2009 had graduated by the end of Summer Session 2013 (the end of their 4th year).

5. Graduation rates are cumulative; that is, the six-year graduation rate is the sum of students who have graduated in their 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th years.

6. Entering cohorts include new full-time students who paid fees and registered for at least one course by the end of the 3rd week of classes (see Enrollment Notes for more information).

7. Full-time status is defined as 12 units or more attempted in the initial quarter of enrollment.

8. Reports that are by school or by major are based on the student's primary major at time of entry.