

Students at Different Periods in Centre College (1848)

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Students at different periods in Centre College

There are no early records of the number of students. Till the close of Dr. Blackburn's Presidency, there are no written memoranda of the number at any one period in college, nor of how many were connected during any one year.

From the recollections of the early students I have learned that there were usually from 60 to 70 in the College & Preparatory; & of these but few in the regular classes.

After Dr. Blackburn had been President for about a year, the Education Faculty and Farm were established, which brought a large accession of students for the ensuing year, there being upwards of 40 on the farm, where it was supposed that they could support themselves. From the statement of one of the Professors, who was here at the time, I learned that there had been 121 who entered college during that year. Of these the greater part were in the Preparatory, which was then taught in the College, & partly by the Professors. The next year which was 1830-31, only 73 had entered in the first two months. At the close of that period, when Dr. Blackburn resigned, 40 of the pupils left the institution, so that there remained in College & Grammar School but 33 in December 1830.

I have not kept perfect records of any sessions among my own papers, nor are there such among the papers of the Board of Trustees, as my reports except in 5 or 6 instances were made to them orally of the condition of the Institution, number of students etc. From my old rolls & the

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catalogues of those years in which they have published catalogues, I have made out an exhibit of the number in college during almost every session for the past 17 years, or during 33 sessions.

1831

This year had only one session

Seniors	2
Juniors	6
Sophomores	9
Freshmen	15
Irregulars	14
Total College	46
Preparatory	35

Total	81
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1832

1st session		2d session	
Seniors	5	Seniors	6
Juniors	10	Juniors	11
Sophomores	14	Sophomores	16
Freshmen	11	Freshmen	12
Irregulars	13	Irregulars	4
Total College	53	Total	49
Preparatory	38	Preparatory	40
Total	91	Total	89

1833

1st session		2d session	
Seniors	11	Seniors	10
Juniors	10	Juniors	10
Sophomores	15	Sophomores	13
Freshmen	7	Freshmen	10
Irregulars	6		
College Total	49	College Total	57
Preparatory	39	Preparatory	41
	88		98

1834

1st session		2d session	
Seniors	8	Seniors	6
Juniors	10	Juniors	7
Sophomores	13	Sophomores	10
Freshmen	16	Freshmen	8

Irregulars	5	Irregular	9
College Total	52	College Total	40
Preparatory	47	Preparatory	67
Total	99	Total	107

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1835

1st session		No record of 2nd session
Seniors	8	
Juniors	11	
Sophomores	9	
Freshmen	18	
Irregulars	16	
College Total	62	
Preparatory	52	
Total	114	

1836

only a record of whole number in each Department in 2nd session with number present in former session & then absent

Regulars	53	No record of 2nd session
Irregulars	17	
Total College	70	
Preparatory	45	
	115	
Present in first session but not in 2nd	35	
Total in whole year	150	

1837

no record of number in the 1st session of 1837

2nd session	
In College Proper	70
Preparatory	30
Total	100

No record of 1838

1839

2d session; no record of 1st session

Total in College & Preparatory	143
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1840

2d session - no record of 1st session

Seniors	16
Juniors	14
Sophomores	20
Freshmen	25
Irregulars	15
Total in College	90
Preparatory	47
	137
Present the 1st session & not present the 2d	43
Total connected during year	180

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1841

The Catalogue from which this is drawn states the number in each class that had at one time or other been united with it during the year

Seniors	14
Juniors	17

Sophomores	38
Freshmen	15
Irregulars	29
Total College	113
Preparatory	41
Total	154

1842

only 2d session	
Seniors	15
Juniors	28
Sophomores	25
Freshmen	18
Irregulars	24
Total in College during one session	110
no record of Preparatory	

1843

Seniors	22
Juniors	23
Sophomores	22
Freshmen	29
Irregulars	21
Total in College	117
Preparatory	61
Total for whole year	178

of this number [i.e. Total for whole year] 9 regulars & nine irregulars, & 8 of Preparatory not present during the 2d session

1844

[1st session]		Absent 2d session	
Seniors	17	0	
Juniors	31	6	
Sophomores	34	2	
Freshmen	29	4	
Irregulars	30	9	
Total College	141	21	= 120 in College the 2d session
Prep	54	4	
	194	25	= 170 in College & Preparatory 2d session

1845

Of these no record shows how many were absent during the 2d session

Seniors	21
Juniors	37
Sophomores	31
Freshmen	23
Irregulars	28
Total in College	140
Preparatory	43
Total	183

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1846

The Catalogue contained no record of the number not present during the 2d session

Seniors	35
Juniors	24
Sophomores	28
Freshmen	22

Irregulars	25
Total in College	134
Preparatory	31
Total for whole year	165

1847

2d session	
Seniors	15
Juniors	28
Sophomores	25
Freshmen	18
Irregulars	24
Total in College	110
Preparatory	24
	134

The record of the 1st session I have mislaid. Also the record of the Preparatory for 1847. They were placed in the hands of the printer, who failed to furnish the catalogues before the close of the session.

1848

These have entered this far in the session

Seniors	25
Juniors	25
Sophomores	34
Freshmen	17
Irregulars	14
College Total	115
Preparatory	28
Total	143

List of Graduates from Centre College

1824	2	Dr. Chamberlain
1825	2	
1826	2	
1827	5	Dr. Procter
1828	3	Dr. Blackburn
1829	5	
1830	6	
	25	Total in 7 years - average of each $3 \frac{4}{7}$
1831	2	President Young
1832	5	
1833	9	
1834	5	
1835	6	
1836	3	
1837	11	
	41	Total in 2d term of 7 years - average $6 \frac{6}{7}$
1838	15	
1839	12	
1840	16	
1841	13	
1842	14	
1843	22	
1844	17	
	109	Total in 3d term of 7 years - average $15 \frac{4}{7}$
1845	14	
1846	33	
1847	15	
	62	Total in 3 years - average $20 \frac{2}{3}$

Present senior class 25, one of whom cannot graduate

Total graduating till 1847 in 24 years = 237

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Amount of annual receipts from tuition fees

1828-9	\$2,142	
1829-30	\$1,759	
1830-31	\$1,528	
1831-32	\$1,938	From this period the beneficiaries all received tuition for \$10 per annum in place of the usual fee
1832-33	\$1,804	
1833-34	\$2,082	
1834-35	\$2,573	
1835-36	\$2,336	
1836-37	\$2,275	
1837-38	\$3,250	
1838	\$1,297	This created in [Barbour's] books to close of year 1838. The next Treasurer has kept his accounts by the calendar year not the college year
1839	\$2,963	
1840	\$3,246	
1841	\$3,005	
1842	\$2,897	
1843	\$3,667	
1844	\$3,076	From this period the scholarships used to a greater extent
1845	\$2,225	
1846	\$2,629	

1847	\$3,069	
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[Endorsed on back in handwriting of Robert J. Breckinridge]

- List of the No. of Graduates of Centre College, From year to year
- Amount of Tuition fees received, from year to year
- Lists of students, at different times in college