What is FTES?

Full-Time Equivalent Students, FTES, is an important measure used as the basis for resource allocation.

FTES is calculated by dividing attempted units by 15 for undergraduate and postbaccalaureate students and by 12 for graduate students (seeking a master's or doctoral degree). For example, suppose an undergraduate student who majored in psychology is taking the following courses in a given term.

Course	Units	FTES
PSY 1500	3	0.20
PSY 3020	4	0.2666...
ENGL 1010	3	0.20
MATH 1090	3	0.20
MATH 1101	1	0.0666...
TOTAL	**15**	1

Because the student is an undergraduate student taking 15 units, the student generates FTES of 1 for Cal State LA. It does not matter what courses the students take or what their majors are when aggregating FTES at the university level.

However, it is often nessasary to calculate FTES for a department or college. There are two means of aggregating FTES to departments or colleges: course-based or student-based.

The course-based FTES is FTES aggregated by departments or colleges that offer the courses. The student-based FTES is FTES aggregated by departments or colleges that students' majors are under. For example, the student above generates the student-based FTES of 1 for the Psychology department, because the student is majoring in psychology. The student generates the course-based FTES of 0.4666 for the Psychology department, 0.2666 for the English department, and 0.2666 for the Mathematics department.

The course-level FTES can be found in Daily Enrollment Reports.

The student-based FTES can be found in the Student Enrollment dashboard. Then go to the *Interactive Table* tab. Select *FTES* under the drop-down menu labeled Select Headcount, FTES or Average Unit Load.