

# **Science100: HOW TO REDUCE YOUR COLLEGE COSTS**

**Aim to Graduate in Five Years  
or Less**

List some of the costs of going to college.

Estimate the percent that your fees make up of your total costs.

# Cost of College

Costs	Living with Family (\$)	Apartment or Dorm (\$)
<b>Fees</b>	<b>7,002</b>	<b>7,002</b>
Books and Supplies	1,754	1,754
Food and Housing	4,402	12,404
Transportation	1,484	1,414
Miscellaneous	3,288	3,076
Loan Fee	70	70
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>25,718</b>

**What percent do fees comprise of the total cost of going to university, if the student lives in a dorm or apartment (not with family)?**

If your costs remained fixed  
(sorry, that's not very likely),  
how much does four years of  
college cost?

Compare that number with the  
cost of college for five years  
including loss of income.

While it is true that students may have jobs and family commitments that limit the time for school, the cost of prolonging attendance is very high.

***Did you know: nationally, college graduates have been shown to earn about one million dollars more, over a lifetime, than high school graduates?***

Make a graph of the percentage of students who started as a freshman at CSUN and graduated as a function of years

**Number of years to graduation (years)**

**Percentage of students to graduate (%)**

**4**

**8.2**

**5**

**25.4**

**6**

**38.9**

**7**

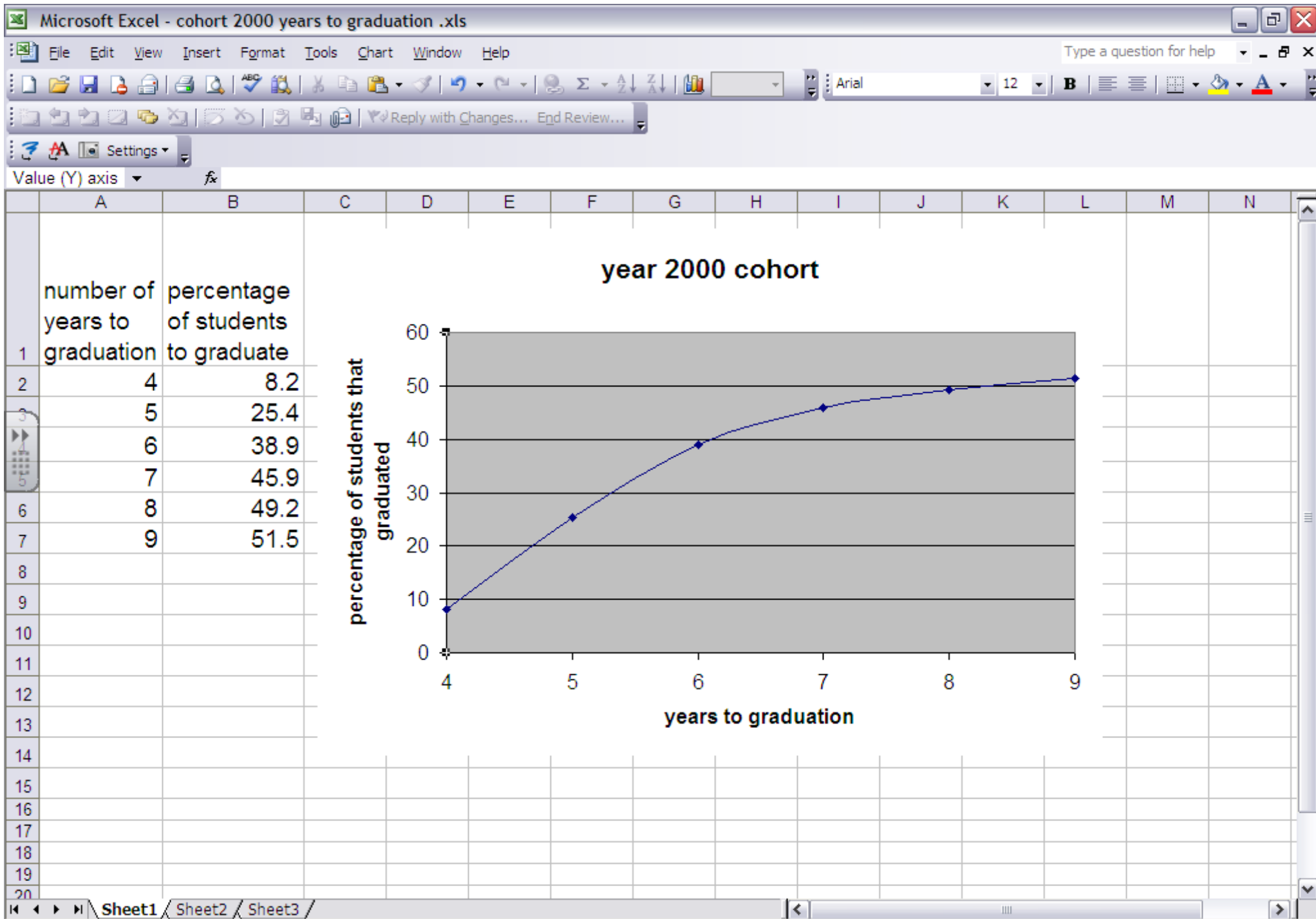
**45.9**

**8**

**49.2**

**9**

**51.5**



**Do you know the requirements to  
receive financial aid?**

**Financial aid is only available to students with less than 130 units.**

- CSUN has strict disqualification, course repeat, and withdrawal policies.**
- CSUN also has strict satisfactory academic progress**
- Super Senior Initiatives: Enrollment beyond 140 units will be restricted to courses required to graduate in the major.**
- Summer courses are expensive at \$345 per credit unit.**

***Discussion Question:*** Could you use that \$10,000 loan to pay for classes now instead of taking five classes while working to pay for them?

# A few things that CSUN is doing to bring the costs down

- Reducing the cost of supplies such as using standardized and recycled clickers
- Reducing the cost of books by implementing a textbook rental policy with the Associated Students bookstore
- Developing “e” materials, where appropriate, as substitutes for texts
- Initiating block scheduling so that, as an example, upper-division majors can get two-day-a-week schedules; save commuting costs; and free up time for paying jobs.

**REALLY, DO THE MATH!**

**Aim to graduate in 5 years  
(or less)!**

**The longer you wait, the more  
it costs.**